

At war with Iraq: Events leading to U.S. attack

By Adam Breerwood

It was Saddam Hussein's easiest conquest. At 2 a.m. on August 2 with the torrid desert air as cool as it was going to get, hundreds of Iraqi tanks moved across the border into the rich but tiny country of Kuwait. Soon they were rumbling down a six-lane highway toward the thinly defended opulence of Kuwait City.

Saddam Hussein, hungry for money, but greedier still for regional dominance, knew before the first of his soldiers crossed the border that it would be a walkover—and it was. In 12 hours, Kuwait was his.

The reasons for Hussein's invasion have never been fully clarified or accepted by the free world. Hussein's most bitter complaint against Kuwait was that the gulf state had been grossly overproducing oil. Kuwait's excess pumping of oil had depressed the average price of a barrel nearly \$7. Iraq, which relies on oil for nearly 95 percent of its export revenues, claims that every \$1 drop in the price of a barrel of oil cost them \$1 billion a year. As Saddam saw it, the Kuwaitis might as well have been stealing from his treasury.

There was also the quarrel over the rich Rumaila oil field, a finger-shaped deposit whose tip reaches just into frontier territories claimed by both Iraq and Kuwait. Iraq insists that when its attention was turned to

fighting Iran in 1980, Kuwait moved the border 2.5 miles north to tap into Rumaila. Now Saddam wants \$2.4 billion in compensation for oil he claims Kuwait withdrew.

Then there was insistence from Saddam that Kuwait forgive \$10 billion to \$20 billion in loans it extended to help fund Iraq's eight-year war against Iran. These were some initial reasons of Hussein's attack.

Saddam Hussein now says he

for me, for you and for the protection of the land we call home.

The world is ready to stand up to this bully, Saddam Hussein. The United Nations Security Council voted for tough economic sanctions mandatory for all United Nations members aimed at strangling Saddam until he released Kuwait from his grip. The United Nations Security Council condemned Iraq's invasion and annexation of Kuwait. The U.N. also set a Jan. 15 deadline for Hussein to be protected from the world. As added encouragement, and to dissuade the Iraqi bully from pushing any farther into the Arabian Peninsula, various navies began to crowd the Persian Gulf as well as the Mediterranean, Red and Arabian Seas. They were well placed to enforce a blockade of Iraq. The United States poured thousands of troops into Saudi Arabia to stare down the Iraqis gathered at the border of Kuwait.

The United States deployed ground forces and air units to protect Saudi Arabia. Britain sent two squadrons of combat planes. Members of the Arab League sent troops. The United States, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, West Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium moved to position naval vessels to enforce a blockade. The Soviet Union dispatched ships as a precaution.

Saddam said, American

troops who are expecting "to perform acrobatics like Rambo movies" would lose against his battlehard troops. Saddam's tough talk diminished hopes of that United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar would succeed in what would be a final attempt to persuade Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. James Baker told Air Force pilots in Saudi Arabia that they would not have to wait much longer. "Just so there is no misunderstanding, let me be absolutely clear. We pass the brink at midnight, January 15."

On January 16, America joined the war.

New Year's resolve

By Steven Bradley

"I plan to lose weight," "I plan to quit smoking," and "I plan to get better grades" are among the many New Year's resolutions we try to incorporate into our daily lives.

As another year comes to an end, many of us ponder those aspects of our lives that can be bettered. We decide that there must be an attempt made. What better time to try than the start of a new year.

Many of our students have made New Year's resolutions. Let's hear what some had to say:

SSC Junior Greg Altese: "I will be more watchful of armadillos while driving at night."

SSC Freshman Elliot Black: "I will be more respectful of my parents."

OLA Junior Tami Satchfield: "I will be a more defensive driver."

OLA Freshman Mary Scardino: "I am going to think of a resolution for next year."

There are of course many more. While resolutions are made to be broken, some of us will hold firm. There's no time like the present to try hard to make it happen.

Band gets off to good start

By Dwayne Bremer

Amid the success of the football team, the SSC marching and concert bands are also enjoying a great year.

The band competed in the Gulf Coast Marching Festival and received superior ratings in all four categories. A month later the band traveled to Tyler, Miss., to compete and received superior ratings. The drum line also received an award for the best in its classification.

After the competitions the band marched in the Waveland Veterans Day parade and also the Bay St. Louis Christmas parade. The band completed the first half of the year with an excellent Christmas concert.

During the Mardi Gras holidays the band is scheduled to march in the Bacchus parade in New Orleans. Next spring the band will go to Orlando, Fla. where it will compete in concert.

208 students named to Honor Roll

By Julio Castano

More than 200 students achieved Honor Roll status during the second quarter term ending December 21. They include:

Sixth Grade

Alpha: Andrew Belcher.

Beta: Anthony Gallo, Mark Schulingkamp, Jeffrey Stokes.

Seventh Grade

Alpha: David Bell, Jeremy Compretta, Jeremy Grannan, Andy Harris, Casey Heitzmann, Brett Hollifield, Charles Johnson, David Manasco, Mike Marks, Robert McCoy, Paul Nguyen, Wes Pugh, Michael Walker.

Beta: Adam Bennett, Eduardo Castilla, Bobby Christenberry, Buddy Dauterive, Scott Esher, Corey Gex, John Guy, Ross Hailey, Dennis Knight, Bryan Lee, Inigo Puento, Briton Richardson, Raymond Tracy, Salvador Velazquez, Randall Watts, Robbie Welz, Stephen Wilkin.

Eighth Grade

President's List: Patrick Cousins.

Alpha: Jason Brunzell, Scott Dennis, Saul Fontenot-Amedee, Andy Kimbrell, Rodrigo Llanos, Jeep Mestayer, Jeremy Meyers, John Nguyen, Matthew Ross, Eugene Schmitt, Anthony Tran, Shane Vercher, Sean Ziegeler.

Beta: Brandon Benoit, Michael Caboni, Chris Carville, Eric Coffey, Ashley Cox, Bobby Essick, William Hillyer, Chris Hirstius, Timothy Kayes, David Matheson, Nathan Middleton, Alton Mitchell, Jody Montelaro, Brooks Quinlan, Kai Roth, Steve Saucier, Harvey Timberlake, Scott Unangst, Milton Villarrubia, Todd Weatherspoon, Travis Weidlich, Ben Williams, Travis Zito.

Ninth Grade

Alpha: Scott Cuevas, Jacques DeMontluzin, Keith Kararick, Brandon Terry,

Ricardo Velazquez, Bobby Williams, Ryan Preble.

Beta: Asad Azhar, Scott Clements, Daniel Danjean, David DeVillier, Ashton Feehan, Josh Francingues, Philip Garcia, Jim Henry, Michael James, Eduardo Jimenez, Nicholas Jordan, Frank Kerbl, Duncan Loughridge, Peter Martinez, Hunter Roth, Drew Scafide, Troy Schwant, Lee Seal, Regan Taylor, Scott Wagner, Steve Warren.

Tenth Grade

President's List: Mansel Bell.

Alpha: Bob Armbruster, Fred Asher, John Cichon, David Eve, Roberto Jimenez, Geoffrey Kohl, Stephen Landry, Wayne Murphy, Mark Schutt, Bernard Sy, Douglas Villavaso, Sean Zeringue.

Beta: Brian Allen, Chad Ambrose, Juan Andricain, James Bailey, Lloyd Boudreaux, Scott Emmel, Mason Evans,

Jason Joy, Derrick Kendall, Myron Labat, Jeff Loup, Gene Moran, Steve Napoli, Chris Penton, Clifton Pope, Pete Ritten, Beau Schindler, Dan Tracy.

Eleventh Grade

President's List: Martin Braud, Matt Brunner, Charles Merrigan.

Alpha: Steven Champagne, Jonathan Compretta, Bill Dreher, Andrew Lazzara, Michael Lee, Mickey Quinlan, Elliot

Selle, Samuel Simpson, Tate Thriffiley, J. T. Wood.

Beta: Greg Altese, Richard Ayme, George Becker, Adam Breerwood, Dwayne Bremer, Sean Cassidy, Dale DeCamp, Andre Desormaux, Philip Fasullo, Ryan Harrell, Ron Kayes, Brian LaLonde, Raul Lanos, Scott Marechal, Earl Moran, Max Paillet, Dwayne Raphael, Brandon Rhodes, Stephen Schruft, Paul Stephen, Tent Terrell, Grady Thigpen,

Kerry Wittmann.

Twelfth Grade

President's List: Blake Harrison, Manning Montagnet, Scott Niolet.

Alpha: Kevin Bourg, Julio Castano, George Holder, Clay Kenney, Thear Lemoine, Tory Lowe, Brien Martin, Jared Martzell, Mitchell Montelaro, Philip Pratt, Jason Reitmeier, Billy Saunders, Jay Scarola, Michael Thomas, Travis Todd, Nicholas Walker, Wade Weidman, Andrew Williams.

Beta: Neil Alford, Vincent Altese, Dennis Behan, Mark Carter, Chris Delgado, John Estay, Jeffrey Gensburger, Jesse Hays, Chad Israel, Scott Peterson, John Roussell, Antoine Saacks, Michael Sauvian, Robert Shellock, James Shields, Brad Sweeney, Chris Thompson, Sean Wright, Erik York, Kevin Schexnayder.

Editorials & Letters

The Mental War

There he stood, gun in hand,
Somewhere in the desert sand
Fighting in a foreign land
For a reason he could no longer understand.

He traced his memory back a way
To the anguish he felt yesterday.
He remembered hearing a newsman say,
"The draft is back, this time to stay."

So many men had gone before
To stop the closing of freedom's door.
That's why he accepted this war,
But it didn't make sense anymore.

He was scared, and rightly so.
Killed in war is no way to go.
He was only 19, and didn't know
If his courage would ever show.

He pointed his gun against his ear
As he felt the enemy drawing near.
He pulled the trigger, no longer to fear.
The fight for freedom that brought him here.

He woke up in a cold, cold sweat,
Frightened from a dream he could not forget,
But thankful his death had not been met
As his dream was not a reality... yet.

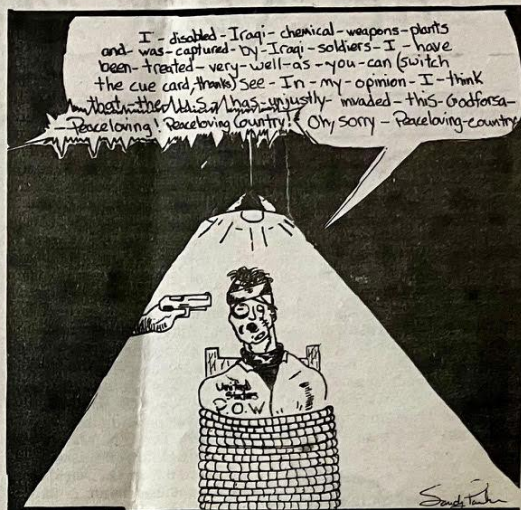
He soon learned the war had begun.
His first instinct was to up and run.
He no longer wanted to pick up a gun
In the blistering Iraqi sun.

But he was soon overcome with pride.
He'd be there, gun at his side.
He no longer felt he needed to hide,
Until he heard of those who died.

He couldn't decide if he'd go and fight.
He wasn't sure if it was right.
And as he listened to the U.S. attack Iraq by
night,
He was once again overcome with fright.

And if full-scale war was about to break,
And if millions of lives were put at stake,
Then fighting would be the choice he'd take,
But he hoped it was a decision he'd never have
to make.

—Scott Niolet



Dress code

Within this last year I have noticed a disturbing, but generally accepted, abuse of a school code.

Certain hairstyles are being worn that draw undue attention. The school dress code, I believe, is one of the main characteristics that make our school what it is: a school that develops character within the student body and prepares them for college.

I have attended St. Stanislaus for four years, and within those years I have always respected and admired our dress code. The hairstyles I have often seen around campus are a violation of those rules and should be changed. Get haircuts!

Peter David Ritten

Overseas sponsors

The 10A class has decided to each give \$5 so that we can sponsor a poor child overseas. For \$50 we can feed a school child for a year. For \$250 we can build a small house for a family over there.

I think every class in the school should do this. We could make it a contest. The class who can sponsor the most kids will win. The thing that I think is best about what we are doing is that Mr. Ganleano said, whatever the class puts in he will match it.

Jeff Bishop

For sailing

The sport of competitive sailing is growing in popularity and importance in secondary schools throughout the country. Many national regattas for high

school sailing teams are being held each year, providing competition among schools. A sailing team would be a beneficial addition to St. Stanislaus athletics.

Such team would provide sailors who participate a chance to become involved in a school-related sport on a yearly basis. It would also allow sailors to sharpen their skills throughout the year.

St. Stanislaus would directly benefit from a sailing team. It would put the school in touch with other excellent high schools throughout the country that have successful sailing programs. Most of all, St. Stanislaus would benefit from all the achievements attained by the team.

A sailing team would greatly broaden our athletic vision. Many students would receive additional opportunities from competitive sailing.

Sailors, let's make it happen!
Wayne Murphy

Conscientious objectors

So far there have been three volunteer U.S. Marines who have been brought up on charges of being Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL).

They claim that they are conscientious objectors, someone who refuses to serve in the armed forces because they have a moral or religious objection to violence. They are all volunteer soldiers in the Marine Corps and did not suffer from their objection until the Iraq crisis came about.

So their cases are not holding much ground in court. One such objector has already been sent to a military jail. The others are still pending.

One of their arguments is that they did not understand what the military required of people enlisting. The advertisements for the military were misleading and did not give the correct concept of the military, that it was all glory and did not mention that you will have to kill anyone or go to war.

Another National Guard soldier earlier backed out by saying that the President does not have the authority to send him to a war zone, that the order had to come from the Congress.

This is an example of people taking advantage of our government. The government paid for their education and training to fight in a war, but when it came to fighting, they backed out.

Chris La Violette

For war

In my opinion, President Bush has done a fine job in taking measures against Iraq. We cannot let Hussein, an insane dictator, take countries as he pleases and completely overturn the world's economy. He must be stopped either peacefully or with force.

All measures for peace have been tried, and there is nothing else to be done except to use force. On the other hand, I am frustrated at the cry of, "no blood for oil." The people who chant this are missing the point.

According to them, we would stand idly by and let Iraq take over any country that they want as long as there is not a drop of oil in it. Of course not! We would have taken action anyway if Kuwait had had no oil. Kuwait was a peaceful country, easily brutalized.

This mad dictator of Iraq has to be stopped, or we will suffer the consequences as we did in World War II when we let Hitler do as he pleased for too long.

Sean Zeringue

SADD gets a move on

By Julio Castano

Students Against Drunk Driving has announced the election of officers who will head this organization for the year.

They are Julio Castano, president; Max Paillet, vice-president; Mike Davidge, treasurer and John Godfrey, secretary.

The objectives of SADD this year are to help students realize the great numbers of accidents and deaths caused by alcohol-related incidents, and also to help improve the attitude of the student body toward alcohol and drugs.

Students Against Drunk Driving is an organization much like the Key Club. It tries to service the community in a way of alerting the public, and most importantly the students of St. Stanislaus on the dangers

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The Rock-A-Chaw

The St. Stanislaus *Rock-A-Chaw* is the official news journal of St. Stanislaus College and is published seven times during the school year. Rate, 25 cents per copy. The paper was entered as second class mail and accepted for postage at special rates on July 19, 1917.

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News and Features

War-Round-up

War vs. Peace

By Galen Smith

It seems as though everyone wants to go to war and rid the world of Saddam Hussein. But when the question is asked, "Are you ready to make the trip across the water yourself?" minds tend to forget the cause and focus instead on one thing: saving our own lives.

That is understandable. We are just like the next person. If we have a problem, let's solve it. But in this case it's war, and we are as afraid to go as the next person. If called, we have no choice and will go out of respect for our country.

We don't want to go to war because of the lives that will be lost and the families that will be devastated. Young men and women are in the prime of their lives, just really beginning to know what the world is about. They may not come home and be able to fulfill their dreams, hopes, and wishes.

We're not totally against war. We could do without it. Yet, this may be the only way to solve this world problem. Yes, Saddam Hussein must be stopped. The only way this will come about is by war. Let's remember that the United States is over there. We must show our soldiers respect and support. In any and every war we must show them that we are behind them 100 percent. If we don't, our being there is useless.

Adlai Stevenson once said, "As citizens of this democracy, you are the ruler and the ruled, the lawgivers and the law-abiding, the beginning and the end."

No matter what, let's support our troops. They are supporting us and willing to give up their lives so that we and our nation can move ahead.

Against War

By Dennis Behan

The American people stand firm on the idea of eliminating Saddam Hussein. On the surface this seems like the most efficient way of ending the conflict in the Middle East. However, the underlying problem is much more complex than one would think.

The elimination of Saddam Hussein could possibly worsen the situation in the Middle East. The apparent heir to Hussein would be his son-in-law, the heartless minister of the military. An unstable, leaderless Iraq would be even more devastating to the interests of the United States. Internal feuding and external pressures from surrounding countries could cause a split by the Iraqi

people. In turn, Iraq would become a battleground for more territorial rights.

The Shiite Moslems make up half of Iraq's population. If Iraq were leaderless, the Shiites would press for a separate republic. Shiite Iran, armed with new sophisticated Russian-made fighter jets, would back the Shiite Iraqis expecting an ally.

The Kurds, who occupy the area near Iraq's northern oil fields, may also press for a separate republic. It would be in the best interest of the United States and her allies not to have a Kurdish state in OPEC.

Iraq's border countries may also fight over Saddam's lost land. Turkey would claim the old Ottoman administrative at Mosul, Syria would attempt to install a puppet regime by way of the Bath Party that rules both countries.

An Iraq held together by Saddam has helped the balance of power in the Middle East for the past decade. Iraq has long served as a balance between Israel and 60 million Persians.

Destroying Iraq without an alternative for the future could cause an unstable power vacuum in the Middle East. If Americans kill Arabs, the Middle East could be disrupted in the future. A peaceful, non-violent solution to this dilemma would have been in the best interest to the United States.

Peace prayer service

By Kevin Bourg

In mid-January, our Big Brother/Little Brother program, which included Mr. Walter Damians, sponsored a peace prayer service which was attended by the student body and faculty.

The prayer service was led by Student Council President Paul Johnson who gave the introduction and Pledge of Devotion to God.

Senior Scott Niolet and seventh grader Mike Walker followed with readings of Psalm 27 and Psalm 91.

Junior Adam Breerwood gave an ongoing summary of what is going on in the Gulf region.

We then heard prayers for peace by Billy Saunders and ended with the singing of "God Bless America" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

As shown by our response to the prayer service, the issue in Iraq does worry many students. Some of us may have family and friends who may be fighting. Let us not forget those in the desert serving our nation.



PAUL JOHNSON

Council president Thibodeaux native

By Steven Bradley

Student Council President Paul Johnson, a boarding student who hails from Thibodeaux, La. has been at St. Stanislaus since his freshman year.

The council meets on the average once a month and hears questions and answers about subjects of interest to students. Accepted subjects are presented to the staff or the director of student activities. If accepted, the council will begin implementation. Some subjects are presented by the board, and others come directly from the students.

"We try to work within an accepted framework. After the agenda is agreed upon, suggestions and comments from the student body are reviewed by representatives of the council. When the council considers a subject which has the majority consent, a decision is reached and presented to the staff or the activities director. The Student Council acts on the ideas of the student body. Every project they undertake will benefit the students."

Johnson, reminiscing, said he would like to see a project that was presented to the student body when he was a freshman implemented. It is "Project Aware" and involves talks given to the students by prisoners.

"There is a great lesson to be learned from the mistakes of others. I believe we could all benefit from such a lesson," he said.

'Dolly' practice gets April date

By Julio Castano

and Kevin Bourg
This year's Drama Club has been in the process of practicing for the award-winning musical "Hello Dolly," which will be staged in April.

Mr. Walter Damians, drama instructor, has pulled together a talented group of students to help in making Dolly a great success.

The play will be held at the newly-built auditorium on Bay Senior High's campus. This auditorium provides the cast

with facilities that will allow them to feel as if they were true professionals for at least four nights. Before, all performances by the Drama Club were presented at our own Brother Peter Memorial Gym which is not as suitable as the Bay High site.

The cast this year will be led by student director Julio Castano, who also has a major role in the play as Vandegelder. He will be supported by Anna DeMarco as Dolly. Other cast members include Dennis Behan as Barnaby; Juan Andrican as Cornelius; Alyson Cousins as Ermergade; Swannah McNair as Mrs. Molloy; Jean Williams as Minnie; George Holder as Ambrose Kemper; and a talented group of singers and dancer.

This year's play will be a magnificent showing of the talent that our schools possess. The cast hopes that you will take the time to see this excellent musical and invites everyone and their families to attend.

Covered walk ready soon

By Dennis Behan

Local contractors have begun work on what will be a covered walkway from the cafeteria to the gymnasium.

Heitzman Contractors is being paid a sum of \$75,000 to complete the project. Over 300 3x6 grooved yellow pine floor boards make up the overhead which will form the weather-proof walkway.

Cost of the project will be taken from the "major improvements fund."

The walkway will be erected to discontinue the use of school buses to transport P.E. students to and from the gym on rainy days.

The project should be completed sometime in mid-February.

Key Club has a growing responsibility

By John Estay

Michael Thomas, a member of the Key Club for the past three years, is Lieutenant Governor for Division 14, which includes all high schools along the Mississippi Gulf Coast with Key Clubs.

The basic tasks of a Lt. Gov. include filling out monthly reports for clubs along the Coast, sending out monthly newsletters, and attending President's Council and District Board meetings.

Along with these other assignments, his most important one is to form new Key Clubs. Starting new clubs is time consuming and takes a lot of hard work. The Lt. Gov. must go through many steps in forming a new club, such as meeting with the principal of the school or sending off the application for a charter. Presently, St. John High School and Coast Episcopal are in the process of forming Key Clubs. Once a club is formed, the work does not end. The Lt. Gov. must then monitor the club's progress very closely.

Thomas also has an active voice in the decision-making process of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tenn. District. He is a member of the Laws and Regulation committee which draws up legislation for our district.

When Michael's term comes to a close this April, he hopes to have started two new clubs and to have informed many people about the Key Club experience.

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of drinking and driving.

One of the projects SADD and the Student Council will provide this year is to alert the public.

The project consists of taking a student out of class. His face will be painted white symbolizing the realization that a person dies in an alcohol-related accident every 18 to 20 minutes.



Covered walkway shown under construction.

Rock soccer teams are holding strong



Rock player goes in for a score.

By Kevin Jacobi

Mid-season is here for our soccer teams. District competition is running a close race. Anything could happen. The Rocks are doing a good job so far, and are excellent in scoring, with 75 goals for and only 19 against.

St. Stanislaus finally got back on its feet during the Christmas holidays by beating Long Beach 1-0 in a game that we dominated. Even though it was a non-district game, the team and coaches were pleased with our play. Still, during the holidays, the Rocks were invited to the first annual Mississippi Catholic Tournament which was won by outstanding play by the Rocks.

Coach Quinlan said, "We learned from our mistakes in the first half about mental preparation, and now we understand we have to work for everything we get from here on out."

The junior varsity is doing an excellent job with its 9-0-2 record to date.

The varsity overall is 13-5-1, and in district play we are 3-2.

Sports

Track and field team should have good year

By Paul Johnson

The St. Stanislaus track and field team has for the past three years captured the District 4A title. This year the team's goal is not only to capture the District 4A title again, but the South State title, too.

Upon winning the South State title last year, the SSC track and field team placed an impressive third place in state.

The accomplishments of the track team can be attributed to excellent coaching and hard work. Coach Larry Ramsey and Coach Andy Kivlan have been an important factor in the team's success. With their ambition and dedication, they have put together the perfect combination for a winning team. Their ability to distribute talent in the right places has given the team the edge over the rest of the competition.

Although Coach Ramsey was not available at the time for comments, when spoken to earlier, he believes the team this year does not have the explosive speed it had last year. He said that this year's team has more constant speed rather than one or two individuals who excel above the others.



J. T. Wood goes up for two points.

Basketball team improving

By Adam Breerwood

The Rock-A-Chaw varsity basketball team has enjoyed an up and down season.

Big plays and clutch free-throws are typically characteristic of Rock-A-Chaw basketball this year.

Last year, the Rocks earned a spot in the South State Playoffs, and with the talent they have this year and a little luck, they could be there again.

Seniors Ken Booker, Galen Smith and Erik York have poured in big plays for the Rocks.

The future looks bright with juniors Mike Lee, Grady Thigpen, Brandon Smith, Trent Terrell, Jay Wood, and the constant hustle of Steve Schruft.

Sophomores Gene Moran, Evan Morris, Sean Williams, and Jeff Bishop have enjoyed some varsity action this year and lend strength to the team down the line.

Team play is another characteristic of this year's team. They play every game tough, and they play to the bitter end. The Rocks stand at 8-11 thus far and are getting stronger all the time.

Coach Chuck Genin is assisted by Athletic Director Jerry Spell.

SSC baseball preview

By Mick Quinlan

The SSC baseball team will be led this year by new head Coach Ourso, who led his team in Morgan City to the state semi-finals last year.

This year the Rocks will have seven returning starters from last year's state playoff team. The Rocks will be led at the plate by Adam Breerwood, Scott Peterson, and Kevin Jacobi who all hit .300 or higher last year.

Defensively, they will be led by a solid outfield, all of whom are returning starters. The baseball team got an early jump on the upcoming season. They have been practicing for about a month already. When asked how the team was looking after about a month of practice, Coach Ourso said, "Everyone and everything seems to be on schedule as far as the progress of our players and coaches in learning the new system. 'We are optimistic about the upcoming season and await its beginning,'" Coach Ourso said.

The season opens March 1 against Stringer. The Rocks will also face such power houses as Biloxi, George County, Ocean Springs, Bay High, Long Beach and O. Perry Walker from New Orleans.

If the Rocks can get strong pitching performances from Bill Carrige, Brian Potter, Terrell LaFontaine, and Brady Price, they should be an exciting team to watch and a winner on the scoreboard.

Coach Ourso is assisted by Coach Schultz, Coach Rafferty, and Andy Elkins who was the trainer for the University of Alabama's baseball team. The mixture of this new coaching knowledge and a veteran team should put the Rocks at the top of the District VIII 4A race.

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Dr. Michael Ryan and Br. Paul Montero

New principal, new direction

By Julio Castano

The St. Stanislaus Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Michael Ryan as our new principal for the coming school year.

This appointment is especially significant since it is the first time in 37 years that a layman has been named to this key position, and the board by its actions believes that Dr. Ryan is capable and ready for the new challenge.

Asked why his new direction has been made, Br. Paul said, "I believe that it is in the best interest of the school to separate the position of principal and president."

Most of us as students do not realize the time and effort that these positions require. As principal one is responsible for the entire educational aspect of SSC, and as president one has responsibilities in areas such as finance, fund raising, additional changes or renovations to buildings, and all the rest.

With the separation of the two positions Dr. Ryan and Br. Paul will work together as a team to benefit the entire school.

Br. Paul said that "his only setback in this decision would be the absence of dealing daily with the student body." Because the school needs a full-time principal, he has willingly accepted this new direction.

Dr. Ryan said, "This new

appointment is the highest honor that I have ever received in my professional educational career of some 19 years."

He stressed that as principal his primary goals will be "to build upon the many programs and activities which have been established and to do everything possible to assist in improving and expanding these."

Next year, as an alumnus, I hope to see these words become a realization for the benefit of future students.

We wish Dr. Ryan and Br. Paul God's blessing in making SSC a better educational institution in the future.

OLA principal will depart

By Jennifer Pickle

Last week OLA received some distressing news.

After six years as principal, Sister Jackie will be leaving OLA next year. She told the students she did not want to leave. She has enjoyed her years at OLA, but things change, and people have to move on. Sister Jackie belongs to the Sisters of Mercy Order, who have moved her to Mercy Academy in New Orleans.

Kim Weinstein, a junior, said that her senior year won't be the

The Gulf War

By Nick Walker

Editor's Note: As this issue was readied for the press, President Bush declared a cease fire and victory for America and its Allies in the Persian Gulf War.

After repeated air sorties and operations into Kuwait and Iraq, the ground war began. On Feb. 24, Allied troops stormed through Iraqi defenses along a 300-mile front and pushed 70 miles into Iraq.

More than 30,000 prisoners of war have been impounded and U.S. officials are worried over the growing numbers of POW's.

Unfortunately, Kuwait City has been set ablaze and some major landmarks are being destroyed. Various hotels and Parliament buildings are among the hardest hit.

Because of low resistance, the Allied ground offensive is ahead of schedule and is proceeding very well, according to U.S. Army General Norman H. Schwarzkopf who is in charge of coalition forces.

There are warnings by President Bush to hinder the effects of euphoria by the American public. "We have seen what Saddam Hussein can do and there should be no joyous celebrations yet. He is a man of many tricks," the President has warned.

Debris from an explosion impacted Allied barracks and killed at least 12 soldiers and injured many more. The debris

same without Sister Jackie. Becca Kinney, a senior, commented that even though she won't be here next year, she still wished Sister Jackie was going to remain.

Paula Gaudin, a teacher at OLA, said that all of the teachers are going to miss her.

A decision has not been made as to who will replace Sister Jackie as principal. Someone is in mind, but nothing has been decided yet.

No matter who will become principal, they will never be able to take the place of Sister Jackie. She has given so much to our school and will be greatly missed.



A soldier mans his "TOW" missile battery. (Photo, courtesy Associated Press)

was a result of the collision of a U.S. Patriot missile and an Iraqi Scud missile.

As the success of the ground war grows, many wonder what

Saddam is hiding. Many wonder about the Soviet Union and its proposed peace plan. Many wonder whether this is all part of some master plan by the USSR.

The Coalition Forces have gained air supremacy, but the fight for ground supremacy must and will be attained.

As oil slicks threaten Saudi desalination plants in the Persian Gulf, Allied troops grow closer and closer to ending the conflict in the Middle East. Families of loved ones in the Middle East live in hopes that the war will soon come to an end and that our troops will soon be home to stay.

Key Club hosts Bay Bridge run

By John Estay

The Key Club will sponsor its annual five-kilometer race on March 16 beginning at 9 a.m.

A bus will take participants in the race to a starting point at Henderson Point.

The race will proceed across the Bay Bridge, down Beach Boulevard, and end at St. Stanislaus.

The entrance fee is \$5 and the first 100 entrants will receive free T-shirts.

There will be overall male and female winners from several age groups.

For more information or entry applications, please see a Key Club board member or stop at the counter on the campus.



This placard was prepared for display in the counter room honoring St. Stanislaus alumni and soldiers serving in the Persian Gulf.

Editorials & Letters

New Direction

Dear Students,

As all of you know by now, the St. Stanislaus Board of Directors has named Dr. Michael Ryan as our principal for the coming school year. I shall remain here at St. Stanislaus in the position of president. I thought that I would use this opportunity to tell you a little about this change in administration and why it has happened.

First, it is "history in the making," since this will be the first time in its 137-year history that St. Stanislaus has a principal who is not a Brother of the Sacred Heart. Obviously, this presents quite a challenge to Dr. Ryan, but he is both capable and ready for the challenge.

Why have we decided to separate the two positions of president and principal? Among other reasons, there are many exciting plans in the making for St. Stanislaus for the years ahead: possible curriculum changes, additional changes or renovations to buildings, new programs for students and faculty, and so forth. All of these programs and plans will require much time, energy, and effort on the part of our administration and faculty.

For the past five years, I have served as both president and principal. I believe that separating the positions of president and principal will allow Dr. Ryan and I to work together as a team in the leadership of our school community to help good things happen in ways that would not be possible if only one person were trying to fulfill both positions.

As principal, Dr. Ryan will be responsible for the entire educational aspect of St. Stanislaus. In ordinary language, he will be in charge of running the school.

As president, I shall coordinate and ultimately be responsible for the overall functioning of our campus: finances, buildings and grounds, the residency program, our summer camp, food services, and our development program which includes admissions, alumni, and fund-raising. Of course, many other persons will continue to supervise those various areas on a daily basis; for example, Brother Lee and the residency program; Brother Pierre and our food service program; and so forth.

I am very pleased that Dr. Ryan has accepted our Board's invitation to serve as our principal. He is dedicated to St. Stanislaus and to you, our students. I look forward to working closely with him. And I look forward to my close relationship with all of you. Please pray for me and for Dr. Ryan and for all our faculty and staff who give themselves daily for your good.

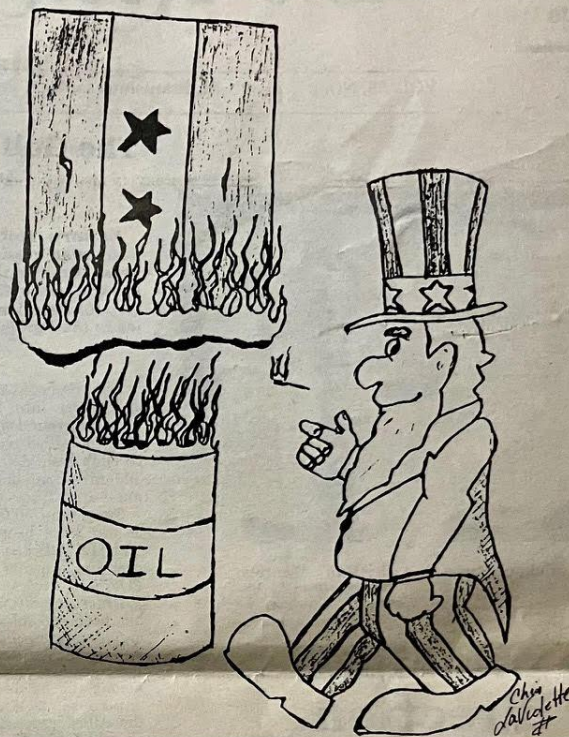
Brother Paul Montero

The Rock-A-Chaw

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Senior shirts

Senior shirts have always been a tradition at St. Stanislaus. This year the seniors have not yet gotten their highly desired and well used prizes. There are many comments being made about the practice of senior shirts.

As a concerned senior and long-time student, I think that the wait has been long enough. Before you now it, the seniors are just going to be things of the past. We want to try to show ourselves as leaders of this school by telling everyone that we are proud to wear our St. Stanislaus shirts.

A Concerned Senior

TV announcements

I am writing to propose that we use the television for announcements in the mornings. The televisions would be of great use because the students would probably pay more attention to them. Groups on campus and sports teams would also benefit.

Scores and highlights could be reported by the players themselves. Dances, rallies, and other functions could be

announced by members of campus groups. Students could even make their own commercials between announcements. Having televisions in every classroom has opened doors to many possibilities. Why not take advantage of them?

Scott Niolet,
Senior

Support our troops

I, as an American citizen, am concerned about our troops in the Persian Gulf. They are highly trained individuals who meet demanding requirements of a harsh environment. We must support them in every way we can.

I call these men and women of various nations a team because each and every one of them must do their part to win the war. I am proud that all the Allies represent us in the fight to free Kuwait.

A Patriot

A soldier

Should I go to war?
This is the duty I have sworn,
But I am one, and there are several more.
My duty, I should not ignore.
I will do my very best,
In spite of all the rest
Who constantly protest
Against my greater interest.
I fight for certain beliefs,

Not mine, but the Commander in Chief's.

In this conflict there is no relief,
Just many engagements which are never brief.

So the next time you are in a store,

Please don't ignore
The man who fought for
All the things you think are a bore.

Chris LaViolette

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Walking back to my hotel, I thought about my conversation in the pub and concluded that people are capable of overcoming any dilemma if it affects their way of life.

When I returned to my hotel room, I dug up the card that listed the steps in conserving water. For the remainder of my trip I made an effort to do my share in the attempt to save California from ending up like a dried prune.

Although California is in danger of losing its water supply, the real message, I believe, no matter how large the problem, everyone should come together as a team and do his or her share. Many problems of the world would cease to exist if this occurs.

News and Features

SSC and OLA seniors look to the future

By Julio Castano and Jennifer Pickle

This year seniors across the nation will be making decisions which will seriously affect their future.

Here is what several had to say when asked about their future plans.

SSC Senior Nick Walker will be attending a service academy, either the Merchant Marine Academy or the U.S. Naval Academy. Nick believes that he is adequately prepared. He also plans to major in either Naval architecture or systems engineering.

When asked what he would miss most about SSC, he replied, "My friends and the faculty here."

Dennis Behan is enthusiastic about attending St. Mary's College in California. When asked how well prepared he is for college, he replied, "St. Stanislaus has prepared me well for the big job that awaits me."

Dennis plans to major in drama and communications. Upon leaving St. Stanislaus Dennis said he would "miss his friends and the faculty."

Jeff Gensberger plans to attend U.S.L. and will be majoring in the field of communications. Jeff feels that he is competently prepared for college and awaits class in the fall. When Jeff leaves St. Stanislaus, he said, "I will miss the closeness and friendship of the St. Stanislaus community."

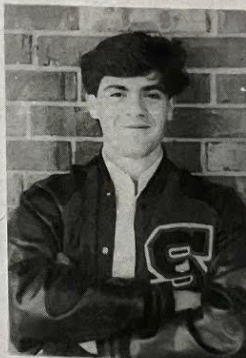
OLA Senior Rachel Fillingame will be attending Pearl River Community College.

"The River is close to home, at least for now," she said. Rachel feels that she is prepared but will not know for sure until she gets there. When asked what she will miss most about OLA, she replied, "My many friends."

Amy Powers is looking forward to attend South Alabama. Her intended major is pre-law/political science.

Amy chose South Alabama because "it is a fun school." She feels that OLA has adequately prepared her for college. When asked what she will miss most about OLA, she said, "Friends."

Summer Black will be attending Loyola University in New Orleans. She is fascinated with the field of medicine and will major in biology. She chose Loyola because it is a very fine institution, and her family is now living in the city. Summer feels that OLA has well prepared her for college. When asked what she will miss most about OLA, she replied, "Its people."



JOE WILLIAMS

Joe Williams named merit finalist

By Sandy Parker

Senior Joe Williams has been honored by being named a National Merit Finalist.

Joe is one of 14,000 students in the country to receive this honor. He was named a finalist because of his outstanding scores on the PSAT and SAT standardized tests.

Joe has attended St. Stanislaus since the 7th grade. He is vice president of the National Honor Society, captain of the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team, president of Mu Alpha Theta, Rock-A-Chaw Man, representative of St. Stanislaus on the Diocesan Youth Council, and is a member of the Math and Science Teams.

Joe plans to attend the University of New Orleans and major in electrical engineering and English.

Couch potato war

By Nick Walker

Has there ever been a war in American history which has been covered by the media in the manner in which the Persian Gulf War has been? The answer: a resounding "no."

The average American can now sit down and watch CNN and discover the day's events in the war. He or she can receive live pictures from Baghdad and see the destruction the American forces have inflicted first hand.

Another question: Is the intense coverage good or bad?

The media has the unparalleled power to sway public opinion with the mention of a few words. To sway public opinion is to sway the government in which we live. Is it good for the media to have such power?

With the new advances in technology, the media can "set-

'Hello Dolly' Presidential Classroom

By Dennis Behan

Hold on to your seats. Hello Dolly is about to take off.

The Drama Club has focused much time and effort to make this year's production enjoyable and entertaining for its viewers.

Ably guided by Walter Damiens, the Drama Club has stepped out of its normal everyday routine and into the play.

"When I enter the room where practice is held I am Barnaby Tucker. In order for me to successfully portray the true character of Barnaby I must dig deep into my imagination and believe in my heart and mind that I am Barnaby Tucker."

Mr. Damiens has said that this year's cast is by far the most talented group he has ever worked with.

The play will be performed at 7 p.m. on April 9, 10, 11 and 12 at the Bay High Auditorium. Don't miss it!

Led by student director Julio Castano the Drama Club is rapidly moving toward the play date. "Everyone helps one another," stated Castano. "We're like one big family."

up" anywhere with a satellite-uplink and begin broadcasting. I believe the most important issue here is accuracy by the media.

When I was in Washington recently, I participated in a "crossfire" concerning this issue. During this debate, a colleague from Pennsylvania and I stumbled on a key issue that concerns all of us; not just American citizens, but people all over the world.

Many of us do not realize the effectiveness of the media and are probably not even conscious of it. I believe the problem lies in the way the facts are presented and not how much the viewer weighs the truth. It is virtually impossible for an international issue to be reported without bias, and even more impossible is the same bias concerning national occurrences.

The power of the media on a national and political level was clearly exhibited during the Reagan Administration when a Supreme Court nominee was alleged to have smoked marijuana prior to his nomination. The press concentrated on this issue, and plainly shot this man down.

I am not saying that this is bad. My point is to prove that the media has tremendous influence and power.

I believe that education is needed to stop public opinion

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By Nick Walker and Kevin Bourg

Seniors Kevin Bourg and Nick Walker recently attended the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C.

The week-long session took place Feb. 16 to Feb. 23, and students resided at the Omni Shoreham Hotel inside the city, the two students reported.

The classrooms were conducted as seminars ranging from foreign policy to handgun control. The seminars were presented by prominent figures in government: James K. Glassman, editor of *Roll Call*, Dr. Saif Abbas Abdulla, chairman of the Kwaiti Outreach Program, Senator William Cohen from Maine, The Honorable James Trafikant from Ohio, and Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, who was the highlight of the session.

The group of 401 students came from across the nation, and there were also American citizens from such countries as Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Japan and Honduras. They were divided into ten caucuses consisting of approximately 40 members each. Caucus meetings were held every day along with Crossfire every other day.

You do matter

By Dennis Behan

Recently I visited California, the most populated state in the country. The majority of my trip was spent in San Francisco, where the city and the entire state of California are facing some troubled times as they are running out of water.

Before leaving for the Far West, I was aware of the water shortage, but it did not bother me until my arrival. I then began to notice the effects of the drought.

The restaurant where we first dined served water only if the customer requested it. A plastic card was placed in the bathroom of my hotel notifying the occupant of the severity of the drought and the water shortage. The card also contained some methods of conserving water.

Among these were to flush the toilet only once a day, turn off the water while brushing teeth, take one shower a day, and follow special procedures on rinsing and washing while in the shower. I then thought to myself, "This doesn't mean me! How can one person make a difference?", so I threw the card away.

As I walked around the city

In the caucuses, students discussed the day's events, the plans for the next day, and gave various viewpoints on current issues.

Crossfires provided an opportunity for a varied group of about 30 students to share viewpoints and debate answers to controversial questions.

Each day was filled with many activities and allowed very little free time. From visiting almost all the famous monuments and institutions in Washington to meeting with congressmen and senators from the corresponding state, the week proved to be a never-ending schedule of events.

Students were also allowed to explore Capitol Hill to the fullest and listen in on Supreme Court hearings and Senate/House committee meetings.

The culture of the city was exemplified by the frequent travel of the Metro, the city's subway system, and the visit to the Burn Brae Theater. Students watched with awe as in a moment's notice waiters became actors serving in the production "Driving Miss Daisy."

The week ended with a dance on Friday night filled with many hugs and tears as a result of departure set for the following morning. Exchanges of addresses and phone numbers,

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and spoke with many San Franciscans, I began to realize that the drought has seriously affected daily living.

I was in an old Irish-style pub one afternoon, and I met a man who conducted guided farm tours throughout California. He informed me of the tough times the farmers of California have encountered. The farmers already this year have faced a very harsh freeze which devastated crops. On top of this, the water used later for irrigation was rationed.

Many people do not realize that California grows over 200 different types of fruits and vegetables, more than any other state in the country. Without an ample supply of water, the crops cannot grow. The man believes the people of California are strong enough to overcome the water shortage.

"Anyone who can withstand an earthquake like the one we suffered can surely live without an over-abundance of water," one observed. "We use too much water anyway," he said.

I asked if he felt that a desalination plant would be necessary to overcome the water problems. "No," he replied, "Conservation is the issue. Rain will come. Until then the people need to do their share of helping out," he vowed.

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Reisch to Ole Miss on track scholarship

By Daryl Arnold

Senior Chris Reisch has been a participant on the SSC track team since the seventh grade. Chris has run the 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, 4 x 200, 4 x 100 relay and the mile relay. In his freshman year Chris ran the 100 and won district (first), third for South State and sixth in state. He also placed first in the 400 meter dash.

In Chris' junior year he ran in the 100 meter, 200 meter, 2 x 100, and 4 x 200. He placed first in state with the 100 meter in 10.7 seconds, and first place in South State's 200 meter in 21.4 seconds.

At the Clarion Match of Champions Chris ran the 100 meter, 200 meter, and placed third in the 100 meter and first in the 200 meter.

Chris holds the record in the 100 meter, 200 meter and a 4A state record in the 200 meter.

He had been awarded a scholarship at USM and Ole Miss and signed the scholarship in track with Ole Miss. This scholarship includes room, board, and meals. Tuition is the only item not covered in his scholarship. Chris was not eligible to run his senior year because there was an age cutoff date.

Chris said, "I am very impressed with the Ole Miss program. Coach Walker of Ole Miss really has got it together. It's exciting just thinking about going there and to be able to run for the school."

We wish him the best of luck and new records in track in the years ahead.

Sports



CHRIS REISCH

Rock tennis off to strong start

By Anthony Sperance

The Rocks' tennis team is off to a fast start with three wins and one loss in four matches which is good tennis in any league.

The team traveled to Diamondhead to play Hancock to begin its 1991 season. The Rocks won convincingly, dropping one game along the way.

The team then traveled to Hattiesburg High to play their only nemesis of last year. This year they were looking to take back the losses they suffered last year. Bo Labat and Phillip Pratt defeated the Hattiesburg team in Boys Doubles. The Rocks lost the Boys Singles in a superb match played by "Paco" Corral. At the end of the day, though, it was Hattiesburg who would be victorious with a 3-2 margin.

"The team this year is stronger than ever and should give a good account of itself all season long," said tennis Coach Myron Labat.

Chris Delgado rounds out the team playing "A" matches.

THE 1991 VARSITY TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
*Feb. 21	Hancock	There	4:00
Feb. 22-23	Diamondhead Invit. Tour.	There	TBA
Feb. 26	Hattiesburg	There	4:00
Feb. 28	St. John	There	4:15
Mar. 5	Gulfport	There	4:00
Mar. 7	Mercy Cross	Home	4:00
*Mar. 12	Long Beach	Home	4:00
*Mar. 14	Hancock	Home	4:00
Mar. 18	Mercy Cross	There	4:15
Mar. 20	Bay High	There	4:00
Mar. 28	Hattiesburg ("A" Team)	Home	4:00
Apr. 2	St. John	Home	4:15
Apr. 4	Biloxi	Home	4:00
*Apr. 11	St. Martin	Home	10:00
Apr. 13	Moss Point	Home	4:00
*Apr. 16	d'Iberville	Home	4:00
Apr. 18	Gulfport	There	4:00
Apr. 23	Pascagoula	There	4:00
*Apr. 25	District VIII AAAA Tourn.	Biloxi	9:00
Apr. 30	Picayune	Home	4:15
May 2-3	State AAAA Tourn.	Jackson	TBA

*District Matches

Baseball Season Preview

By Andrew Lazzara

The SSC Rock-A-Chaw baseball team has undergone some major changes in order to be stronger this season.

Head Coach Carey Ourso and Assistant Coach Rory Rafferty have affected major changes in the lineup in an effort to lead the Rock-A-Chaw team to the state championships.

The schedule is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Fri., Mar. 1	Stringer	7:00	Home
Sat., Mar. 2	O.P. Walker (DH)	11 & 2	Home
Tues., Mar. 5	Pass High	7:00	Away
Fri., Mar. 8	Biloxi Tourn.	7:30	Away
Sat., Mar. 9	Biloxi Tourn.	11:00	Away
	Biloxi Tourn.	4:45	Away
Tues., Mar. 12	Pass High	7:00	Home
Fri., Mar. 15	Mercy Cross	7:00	Away
Sat., Mar. 16	Bay High	2:00	Home
*Tues., Mar. 19	d'Iberville	6:30	Away
*Fri., Mar. 22	Hancock	7:00	Home
Sat., Mar. 23	McGill, Ala.	3:00	Away
*Fri., Mar. 29	Long Beach	7:00	Home
*Thurs., Apr. 4	St. Martin	7:00	Away
Fri., Apr. 5	Northshore, La.	4:00	Away
Sat., Apr. 6	Gulfport	3:00	Home
Mon., Apr. 8	McGill, Ala.	4:30	Home
*Fri., Apr. 12	Long Beach	7:00	Away
Sat., Apr. 13	Gulfport	3:00	Away
*Tues., Apr. 16	St. Martin	7:00	Home
*Fri., Apr. 19	d'Iberville	7:00	Home
Sat., Apr. 20	Ocean Springs	1:00	Away
*Tues., Apr. 23	Hancock	7:00	Away
Fri., Apr. 26	Biloxi	7:00	Home

*District Games

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as well as room numbers, became a common practice between students.

Presidential Classroom provided an opportunity for students from around the nation to explore and evaluate one another's viewpoints, and to explore our government in depth in a way not possible in textbooks. It also set the stage for many new friendships and bonds to be formed between students. Great memories will be shared by all, and promises were made by the prospective "leaders of tomorrow" to keep in touch.

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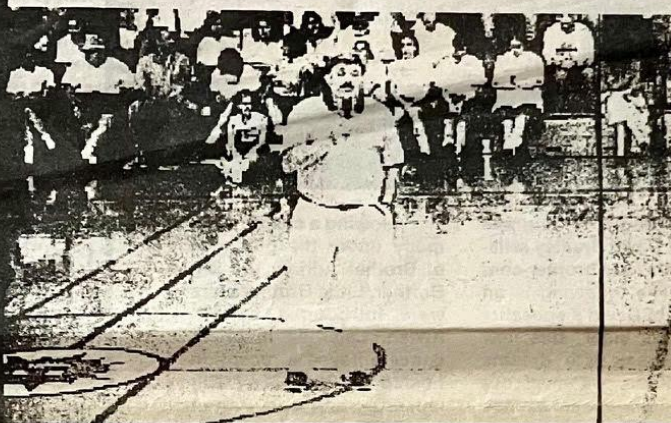
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Coach Kenson speaking at the SSC Pep Rally before the Hancock Game.

By: The SSC Newspaper Staff

When we asked St. Stanislaus football Coach Dave Kenson for an interview, he politely replied, "yes," and then he later gave up some time in his busy schedule to talk SSC Football. His prompt positive response and his punctuality said a lot about him, even before the questions began. We asked him first to talk about his background. "This is my second year at St. Stanislaus. Before that, I coached college football at the University of Cincinnati. I was a head high school football coach at the age of twenty-three, and I coached football for twenty years. Later I left coaching to go into business; I was a vice-president of a life insurance company, and from there I retired in 1992. I was living in Florida, and I found myself working on a novel."

The novel did not become a bestseller, we learned from coach, but his absence in the literary world became our gain at SSC.

"Coach, talk about your current team. How is it different from last year's team?"

"We had a rough season last year, but we had a nucleus of core players and we gained valuable experience. We've also got a very dedicated staff: Stan Dellenger, Errol Gauff, Chris Yeager, Jay Ladner, Stace McRaney, and Will Seymour. We've added players, people who did not play last year. The present team has more experience, a lot more intensity, and a better chemistry."

"How would you define a better chemistry?"

"The players get along with each other much better than they did last year. They are not constantly putting each other down. Also, we have more effective leaders this year. Before you can be a leader, you have to be a good follower. We're gradually developing that philosophy now, and the players are buying into it. It's not just one person who is a leader; it's somebody new

each week. Some kids are leaders in that they know how to say the right thing at just the right time. Others lead by quiet example."

"We're learning how to make fewer mistakes. Our offense is inconsistent, but with the less mistakes we capitalize in more points. We play well defensively and with consistency. We are getting a lot of people to the ball. We're gang tackling and making big plays."

"How about key players, Coach?"

"I could highlight some, but we've had a lot of kids play really well this year."

"Coach, could you give some thoughts on school support?"

"We had a hard year last year, and it takes everybody to turn the corner, to bring it back. We're doing that. The players know when teachers are at the game. We've gotten great support last year and this year. It's a school thing, too, especially the last game we played against Pearl River Central. The crowd was really vocal. The kids know when everybody is a part of the football program. In that game, there were lots of big plays and crucial situations. The game was swinging back and forth, and our crowd was great."

"Coach, if you had a wish list for the team, what would be at the top?"

"I would wish that the guys would be able to get the rewards they deserve for as hard as they work."

"Anything else?"

"That's pretty much it."

We think the team has gotten one wish already: Coach Kenson and the SSC football staff.

The Big Brother, Little Brother Ceremony

By: Newspaper Staff

On Monday, September 24th, St. Stanislaus held its Big Brother, Little Brother Ceremony as senior classmen were paired with their younger "Brothers." Mr. Andy Kivlan and Brother Adrian Gaudin, SC served as CO-Moderators for the event, and they will share in the coordination of Big Brother, Little Brother activities scheduled for the school year. Mr. Ed Grotkowski and some band students provided music for the ceremony. After a welcome to everyone extended by Mr. Kivlan, Student Council President Daniel Osorno read a scripture reading.

Brother Ronald Hingle, Principal, offered his own observations about the special relationship he shares with his fellow Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Brother Ronald extended his hope that the SSC Big and Little Brothers will develop their own special relationships throughout the course of the school year. Senior David Byrne shared his thoughts about what it



David Bradley giving his speech about the concerns and importance of the Big Brother, Little Brother program.

means to serve as a Big Brother, and seventh grade student David Bradley articulated his little brother concerns. The following is an excerpt of David's speech:

"As we enter this new school year with dreams and doubts, we meet our big brothers. We are excited and eager to get to know and talk to these seniors. We hope to achieve good friendships with our big brothers by discussing our common interests and

goals."

Following a candle ceremony under the guidance of Brother Adrian, the Big Brother, Little Brother pairs were introduced by Mr. Kivlan. Later all in attendance enjoyed a reception hosted by Mrs. Mary Dillenckoff and the Parent Leadership Team.

Drama Delivers

By: Newspaper Staff

The 1997-1998 SSC school year welcomed the addition of a formal drama class taught by Mrs. Terry Carr. Mrs. Carr has had much experience with high school drama, having taught it at other schools prior to her tenure at St. Stanislaus. On Tuesday, September 1st, the Covenant Players of Los Angeles, Gulf Coast Division, presented a workshop at St. Stanislaus for drama students. Under the direction of Ms. Pam Cowser, manager, the troupe performed demonstrations of improvisations by four actors who guided students in the arts of role-playing and improvisation. The theatrical treat was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Mrs. Carr recently conducted auditions for a production of "Twelve Angry People," an adaptation of Reginald Rose's famous play, "Twelve Angry Men." Inside information gives rave reviews for the aspiring actors who gave their best at auditions. We look forward to the play's participation in a competition which will be in Hattiesburg at the Southern Mississippi Drama Festival, and we wish the performers from St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy, under the direction of Mrs. Carr, our very best at competition time.

The Key Club

By: Diego Alvarez Ytorria

My name is Diego Alvarez Ytorria and I am a member of the Key Club. This is my first year here at St. Stanislaus. I joined the Key Club thanks to a friend who invited me to a meeting.

In my first meeting I thought it was going to be boring, but I found a lot of people playing around and laughing. I understood that Key Club was a fun experience.

I found that it is not too hard to help people and that sometimes you don't know, that with a little help, you are

giving a lot to these people you are helping. I also think that it is fun. This is because you make a lot of friends and most of the time you enjoy your work because it is fun. Also when you help people you feel great happiness inside. I think the Key Club is also helping me to be a man of character in life. I think it is a need of everyone to help others, and I found a great opportunity here in Key Club. I think, if we can make a society, in which everybody helps each other, we can change the world. Maybe we are not going to change the world by ourselves, but with help

from some friends we may someday change for the better.

When you give things with love, you receive a gift that is better than anything on Earth, and it directly comes from heaven.

I want to finish by saying that I am very proud to be in the Key Club, and I encourage all people to come and join us.

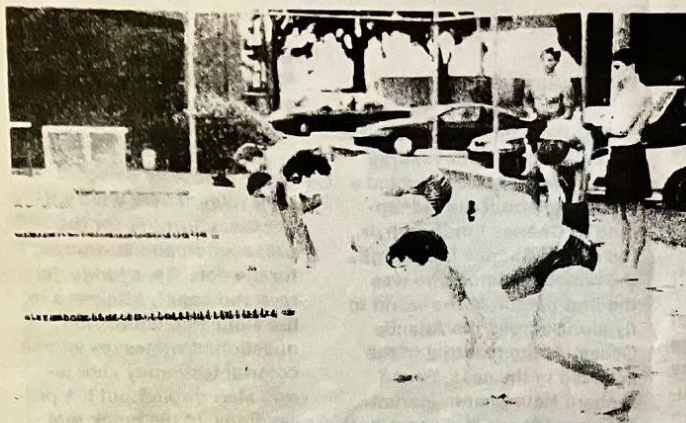
Mathcounts

By: Andrew Waterman

MathCounts is a program for students who excel in math and who would like to compete with others at school, state, and national levels. It usually takes place after school on Wednesdays.

Brother Ronald Talbot runs the MathCounts program. It targets those who are at advanced levels in math studies. These students are in the seventh grade Pre-Algebra class and eighth grade Algebra 1 class. Presently we have six or seven members, and we would like more. If you think you can handle this challenge, please stop by on a Wednesday afternoon in room 207. We hope to see you there!

Breaking Waves with the Rocks



The SSC swim team is shown here practicing.

By: Coach Joe Gex

The SSC swim team opened the 1998 season against Biloxi High School on September 10th at the Biloxi Natatorium. The Rocks soundly defeated the Indians by the score of 96-67. The Rocks have not lost to the Indians under Coach Joe Gex's tenure as head coach. SSC won eight of the 11 events in the dual meet. The team set four school records during the meet. Jamie Higgins, a junior from Missouri, set a school record in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:15.87. Thad David, a sophomore from Bay St. Louis, broke the 100 yard Freestyle record with a time of 59.31. Robin Herndon, a junior from Fairhope, Alabama, broke the 100 yard Breaststroke record with a time of 1:12.76. The 400-yard Freestyle Relay team of Higgins, Herndon, David, and Andrew Nestor set the school record with a time of 4:02.83.

On September 26, the Rocks hosted St. John High School in a dual meet. The Rocks improved their record to 2-0 with a 121-30 win over the Eagles. Two school records were recorded in the meet. Jamie Higgins set a new record in the 100 yard Butterfly with a time of 1:08.80. Robin Herndon broke his own record in the 100

yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:12.27. The Rocks won 10 of 11 events in the competition.

SSC hosted their second meet at the SSC Pool on September 23 against the Ocean Springs Greyhounds. Ocean Springs handed Coach Gex's squad their first loss of the season by the score of 86-76. It was also the team's first loss at home in three years. The Greyhounds held off a charging Rock-a-Chaw team that was down during the meet by as many as 18 points. SSC had a chance to win the meet by one point on the last event but missed out on the opportunity. Two school records were set in the loss to the Greyhounds. Jamie Higgins broke Robin Herndon's school record in the 100 yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:12.24. The 400-yard relay team of Higgins, Thad David, Andrew Nestor, and Billy Bourgeois shattered the old record and became the first team in SSC history to break the four-minute barrier in the event. Their time in the event was 3:59.23.

"The team started the year off great but kind of got into a rut after the second meet. Against Biloxi and St. John, we swam well. However, when we swam Ocean Springs I think we did not take them seriously enough at the start of the meet. We let ourselves get too far down too early. We made a strong run at them but they had just a little too much lead on us."

"I think we will learn from our mistake and bounce back for our last dual meet of the year against Harrison Central and the championship meets that follow. We know that it will take hard work and determination to finish this. We are already making the adjustments to accomplish this."

"I have seen some great performances this year from our team. Jamie Higgins and Robin Herndon, our two new transfers, are doing well for us. Thad David and Andrew Nestor have improved tremendously from last year. A welcome addition in the fly has been seventh grader Jeffrey Fine. Plus, we are getting increasingly better performances from veterans Matt Finnilla, Chris Mensi, Billy Bourgeois, Ryan Veach, Evan Tusa, and Patrick Clark each week. Donald Kimberland, and eighth grader from Texas, shows great promise and is getting better each week in the freestyle events."

"It is good to see us breaking records each meet. Records are set to be broken. However, we want the team to succeed. The kids know that as well. We always stress that there is no "I" in team. When we win it is a team effort, and when we lose it is a team loss."

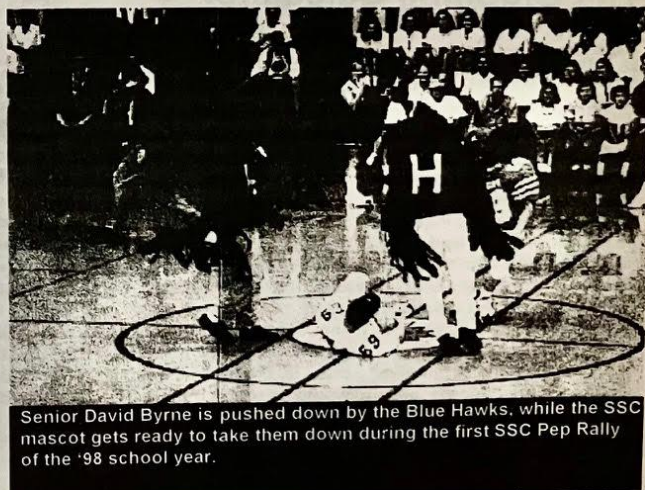
Forecast for the Game: "A Hurricane Will Hit Hancock"

By: Trey Schorr

The first Pep Rally was held on Friday, September 25. It was very entertaining. O.L.A. sponsored a funny hat contest. And, there were some funny hats! One guy wore a glove on his head. Another had a 'fro. One of the football players wore a hat with a propeller on top of a clown wig.

One of the most memorable parts of the rally was when three blue hawks flew in and started causing trouble. The Rock-A-Chaw mascot beat them up with ease. When two were caged in, he clipped the last one's wings. Then, he tossed it into the cage with its friends. Later, when nobody was watching, the hawks got out and flew away.

At last, Coach Kenson came out and was applauded by the team. He said there have been different stages that this hurricane has gone through, and it's the same with the team. There had been times that it was unorganized, just like our team. It had also done some damage. The Rocks have played very hard the whole season. The coach said they had been practicing and practicing, and that they were ready for this game. He claimed, "Tonight, a hurricane will hit Hancock field!" Everyone cheered. The game result: Rocks-21; Hawks-12. Coach Kenson was right.



Senior David Byrne is pushed down by the Blue Hawks, while the SSC mascot gets ready to take them down during the first SSC Pep Rally of the '98 school year.

Calculus Class

By: Andres Osorno

Calculus class is a really challenging experience. Something very special about this class compared to others is that the student does not only learn about calculus, but we also learn about college, the stock market, applications of calculus in daily life, graphing calculator utilities, and more. These parts of the class are reflected in projects that Mr. Gemelli asks us to do. These projects include résumé, math websites from colleges all around the nation, and graphing calculator programs.

The résumé is done for the purpose of college application. Every student turned in his résumé, and Mr. Gemelli made suggestions for us to consider. By this, he is helping the students to increase the opportunity of attending the college of our choice and placing us ahead of many other students across the nation.

With the math websites from colleges around the country, we learn about their requirements, math level, and calculus related information available in colleges, which could be useful for the class.

Finally, we researched throughout the web for programs that could be used in our calculators, particularly the TI83 and TI 86. These programs included

math and science utilities that could be of great importance while taking the ACT and with math and science subjects at school and college. These programs would be available for many students since the math department acquired graph links that allow downloading the programs from the Internet to a PC or Macintosh, and then transferring them to the TI calculator.

I am proud to be a member of the class. It is truly a college preparatory class. It offers many branches and options for the student to develop his mind, research skills, and understanding of life.

Mock Trial in Enrichment Class

By: Newspaper Staff

For the past three weeks the seventh-eight-grade reading enrichment class conducted a mock trial about the kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles Lindbergh, the famous aviator who was the first person in the world to fly alone across the Atlantic Ocean. At the real trial of the accused in the case, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, incriminating evidence, a ransom note and recovered ransom money, pointed toward Hauptmann's

guilt. Bruno Hauptmann was later executed for the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby.

During the mock trial, students randomly selected their roles. There were witnesses, attorneys for the prosecution and attorneys for the defense, a judge, jurors and bailiff. Attorneys in the simulated courtroom questioned witnesses whose colorful testimony kept jurors alert throughout the proceedings. In the mock trial, history was changed as jurors delivered a verdict of innocence. Hauptmann's innocence or guilt, however, remains an unsolved mystery.



This is a drawing by Tyler Gallagher which shows what happened during the Mock Trial in Reading Enrichment.

The Graphing Calculator

By: Marc Cerisier

The graphing calculator can be a real gift at times, when one knows how to use it properly. From personal experience, I know that the best way for someone to master it is by using, it a lot and by trial and error. Any time that there is a device that does everything except wash the dishes, it is going to be a bit on the tricky side to operate. The best advice that I could give is just to take it slowly, and do not try to master everything at once, but learn one thing at a time.

A good way to start to explore the calculator is to take a math book, and try to solve

the examples, since they have answers that are correct. After the correct answer has been found a few times, it can be assumed that this feature of the calculator has been mastered. Of course, there are some functions of the graphing calculator that seem unclear until practiced and mastered. In these cases, the user's manual should be the first place visited. If it is too cryptic, and it often is, the next best thing would be to ask an upper-classman for help. Most of them know a thing or two about calculators, and if they do not, they know someone, who does.

Obviously, in this article

it would have been impossible to cover all aspects of graphing calculators. This article is intended to give a general overview about where to start and what to do with a graphing calculator. Someone can not expect to sit down and instantly be able to do augmented matrix problems or solve simultaneous equations, but if taken slowly, these calculations will be understood in no time at all. And remember, if something is not clear or does not work when it is attempted, ask for help. The only stupid question is the question not asked.

NHS and NJHS Elected

By Padrick Dennis

The National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society have elected new officers for the 1998-1999 school year. National Honor Society members as follows: President, Roger Ridgeway, Vice-President, Justin Wadsworth, Secretary, Michael Dauro, and Treasurer, Mylon Labat. National Junior Honor Society officers have also been elected: President, Cherubin, Alcalen, Vice-President, Kunal Patel, Treasurer, Sherwin Leung, Secretary, Brian Butler, and Service Project Chairman, Ryan Davis.

Members of the both societies must maintain a 3.5 grade point average. The societies try to create enthusiasm for scholarship, service, leadership, and characters. Members must set examples in each of these four categories. The moderator for both societies is Mrs. Mary Castleberry.

This school year both groups will be active and taking on service projects still to be determined. Congratulations to students qualifying for membership in these honor societies.

Senior Profiles

Brandon Everett

If senior Brandon Everett passes you in the hall on his way to a class, he will probably greet you with an upbeat "good morning." You can count on his friendly smile. It's always easier to begin a conversation with someone who smiles, and we asked Brandon if he would allow the Rock-A-Chaw to interview him. "Sure," was his casual reply as he headed down the hall.

Later that day Brandon talked about his love for soccer, which began way back in elementary school. He started playing at the age of six, and he hasn't stopped since. Brandon currently plays on the varsity soccer team coached by Mr. Andy Kivlan.

"Why do you prefer soccer to other sports?" we asked.

"Soccer is a year-round sport. It can be played during any season. Also, it's a non-stop action sport. There are no long breaks

during the game."

"Which position do you play?"

"I'm a right full back."

"Okay, what does a right full back do?"

"I defend. I mark a certain player on the other team, and I try to keep him from advancing the ball. It's a key marking position."

"What's your most memorable soccer experience?"

"That would have to be playing Clinton last year. We may have lost the game, but overall the spirit of the school coming out to support us allowed me to play for the school, instead of just for the team or myself."

"What's it like to be a senior this school year?"

"There are much more responsibilities, and one has to show leadership and step up. We have to make examples for the other members of the team."

"What's the best thing about being a senior?"

"People in the school look up to seniors; they expect

seniors to be a voice. I don't know; it's new to me; I haven't been a senior that long."

"What's not great about being a senior?"

"You realize it's your last year, and I'll miss my friends. Some people don't want to leave."

"Brandon, do you have any words of advice for aspiring soccer players?"

"It takes hours of practicing every day. Stay fit. A player has to know the game. Watch a lot of professional games; that teaches me a lot. One has to be a team player and have an overall good attitude. It is also helpful to join organizations such as recreational or select soccer with training, which can improve one's skills immensely. I am currently in training along with other members of the team: Ronnie Vanney, Justin Wadsworth, Nick Middleton, John Rich, and Jonathan Gagnon. I be-

lieve this extra training will make St. Stanislaus a stronger, more physically fit team this year."

"We lost a couple of seniors last year, but strong underclassmen are stepping up this year. These are players like sophomores Matt Powell, Neil Farve, and juniors John Rich, Brandon Lewis, and Kenny Harshbarger."

Brandon Everett smiled at the end of the interview. As he turned to leave, it was apparent that he is a focused, articulate young man, an excellent soccer player and an exemplary senior.

Kris Schaumburg

Catching up with senior Kris Schaumburg is not easy to do. Kris recently was named a PSAT National Merit Semifinalist, the only SSC senior to achieve this honor. Kris generously gave us some time for an interview.

"Kris, a PSAT National Merit Semifinalist is quite an accomplishment, and we congratulate you. When do you advance to the next step, finalist status?"

"I believe that takes place in April. I'll know then."

"Are you entitled to receive college scholarships due to

your academic achievement?"

"I think there is scholarship money."

"Do you have any college in mind?"

"Tulane University is one, and Loyola is another. Also, USL is a possibility."

"How long have you been at St. Stanislaus, and how has the school prepared you for challenges such as these?"

"I have been at St. Stanislaus since the seventh grade. I think the school teaches us responsibility, helps us to set up our moral values for later in life, and teaches us how to

interact in a society."

"Kris, do you have some advice for younger students?"

"I guess I would tell them to make sure they are thinking about their academics, but they should also have fun. They shouldn't be totally absorbed in school work, and they shouldn't take life too seriously."

"Would you share your thoughts about St. Stanislaus?"

"Members of the faculty have good relationships with students. I would like to see some movement toward stu-

dent privileges such as more themes for pep rallies and perhaps free dress days."

"What is the best thing about being a senior?"

"I think it is being at the top rank of the school society."

"Are their drawbacks to being a senior?"

"The only one is more responsibility."

Kris is a very impressive person who seems to be handling his responsibilities well, heading his academics and enjoying his senior year.

Jerry Slimmer

Senior Jeremy Slimmer has a knowing look on his face, and it gives the impression that he has been at St. Stanislaus for a time. When the Rock-A-Chaw expressed an interest in interviewing him, he very cordially agreed to speak to us.

Jeremy has been around St. Stanislaus for a time: six years. He started attending school here in the sixth grade, and he is currently enjoying his seventh SSC year. Jeremy is active as a student minister. He explained that only seniors are allowed to serve as student ministers. He enjoys that part of his school life under the direction of Mrs. Adrienne Quinlan, whom he has known since he was a sixth grade student. He credits Mrs. Quinlan and her husband with motivating him toward student ministry. We asked him to elaborate.

"I want to help people," he said with a calm confidence. "I seem to do well with helping people, and so

I gave student ministry a shot. So far, it's been wonderful."

"What do you find gratifying about being a student minister?"

"The most gratifying moments are knowing that I'm doing my part, not sitting by the wayside. I'm trying to do something for somebody else's benefit."

"What's the best thing about being a senior?"

"It's the responsibility. After so many years, people look up to seniors for leadership, and there is the feeling that - it's our time. It's also knowing that graduation is near, and it's been fun, seven years in one place."

"What's your least favorite thing about being a senior?"

"That would have to be the work. The work tries my patience because graduation is in sight, but there is still one more school year."

"Jeremy, what advice can you offer younger students?"

"Hang in there. It gets better from here. Each year the younger students

will see that they have more privileges and more fun."

"Since you work with faculty members in your student ministry capacity, would you like to share any thoughts about your faculty-student relationship?"

"We have the best faculty I've ever seen. St. Stanislaus has, without a doubt, the best faculty in the area."

"Jeremy, you obviously enjoy being a student minister. Do you have any other school interests?"

"I'm involved in quiz bowl; I'm the captain. I am also the senior basketball manager, and I enjoy that, too..."

Jeremy Slimmer concluded his interview with a quiet confidence and positive outlook, and it was reassuring to know that he is one senior, among many, who genuinely likes to help others.

Michael Prendergast

Senior Michael Prendergast agreed to be interviewed by the Rock-A-Chaw during his lunch period. It was a beautiful afternoon, and Michael's friendly personality was apparent throughout the course of the interview.

"Michael, how long have you been a student at St. Stanislaus?"

"I've been a student here for six years. I started in the seventh grade."

"What SSC activities or interests do you enjoy?"

"I play football; I'm on the Student Council. I'm a Student Minister. I also work as a Basketball Manager, and I participate in the FCA."

"What is the FCA?"

"It's the Fellowship for Christian Athletes."

"Michael, you're one busy senior. Why did you become a Student Minister?"

"Basically I just wanted to help

people."

"You said you're a football player. What position do you play?"

"I'm the center."

"That seems like a very responsible position."

"It is important because the play starts with the center giving the ball to the quarterback."

"If you could play another position, what would that be?"

"I'd like to try being a receiver. A lot rides on the receiver catching the ball."

"Michael, what are your views of this year's team?"

"I didn't play last year, but it's obvious there are a lot of improvements with this year's team. We have a chance to make it to the playoffs this year. The homecoming game should be really exciting, a great game to watch."

"What do you like best about being a senior?"

"That would have to be leadership. Being a senior feels like a big accomplishment, and the leadership is part of the accomplishment."

"Are there drawbacks to being a senior?"

"The only one I can think of is the added responsibility."

"Do you have any words of advice for younger students?"

"It's not easy starting in a new school. The younger students should hang in there and see it through. The teachers are nice and they are willing to help."

"Michael, you recently returned from your senior retreat. How was that experience?"

"It was great. It helped me to open up to a lot of things and to find gifts that I didn't know I had."

Michael smiled when he spoke of the gifts he didn't know he had. This friendly senior has obviously been blessed with many fine gifts.

Homecoming... "Saturday Night Fever"

By: Newspaper Staff

The SSC Homecoming activities begin Friday, October 23rd with the much anticipated game against Petal. On Saturday, October 24th, St. Stanislaus will hold its homecoming dance at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club from eight to twelve p.m.

The dance is open to students in grades nine through twelve, and the theme for the festivities is "Saturday Night Fever."

We asked for comments about our varsity football team, and members of the faculty and student body responded.

"I think the team is wonderful, and it looks like they're giving one hundred percent. I think they always represent our school well by demonstration of Christian sportsmanship." Mrs. Clark

"They are a lot better than last year." Adair Beany

"I think the team is doing much better than last year, and they should keep it up, so we can be even better next year." Rik Marsh

"I think the team is doing much better than last year, and the offense keeps doing a good job, we should be successful." Justin Pucheu

"Winning is all due to teamwork. Coaches, players, fans, managers all need to work as a team to be successful. We, as a team, are now doing that. No one person wins or loses a game. 'Believe and achieve' is our theme this year. If the whole team believes this year, we will all achieve." Willie Golden

Thanks, readers, for your comments. Good luck tonight, Rocks! See you at the game!



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ROCKS!!

A Word of Thanks

Dear Readers,

This paper is here today for your interest solely because a small number of students made good on their word. They signed up for the newspaper, and they honored their commitment. A number of students initially signed up to work on the paper, but as meetings convened it became increasingly apparent that many students either forgot to attend or had some other interest to pursue. A handful however, faithfully showed up. There was no token verbal interest; they were there when they were asked to be there, and they were sincere in their endeavor to get the Rock-A-Chaw off the ground. They were there with positive attitudes and admirable work ethics, and they made this paper possible. And so it is with much thankfulness to these students that the Rock-A-Chaw gratefully acknowledges them:

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submitted articles and to those students and teachers who agreed to be interviewed. The Rock-A-Chaw welcomes future submissions for our next publication, and we hope to see more students on our staff. Please join us in making the Rock-A-Chaw the proud voice of SSC.



Thank you for reading this issue of the Rock-A-Chaw News.
Please look for more issues still to come.

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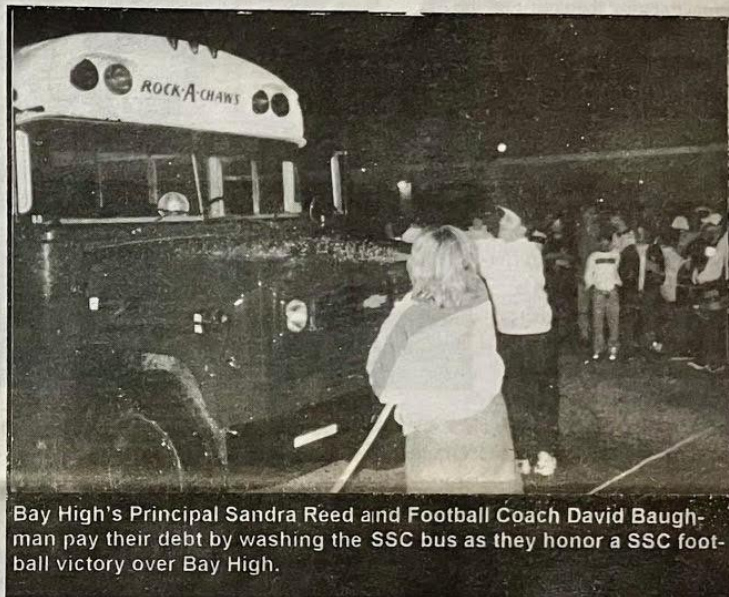
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"Success is Counted Sweetest"

To quote the line of one of Emily Dickinson's famous poems seems appropriate in writing about the SSC Varsity Football Team and its last incredible season. Indeed, SSC did know success this school year with its many impressive wins. A focused and skilled staff led by Coach Dave Kenson brought out the very best in the team as it progressed toward the playoffs.

The playoff road included games against noteworthy adversaries such as the Picayune Maroon Tide and the Bay High Tigers. Last school year the Rocks suffered a 63-7 defeat in the game against Picayune, but this year it was a different story. The Rocks cruised to a 35-16 win over Picayune with impressive contributions from Kris Cannon, Tom Brennan, and Roger Ridgeway. The Bay High game was an especially sweet victory for SSC. In that 13-10 win, an



Bay High's Principal Sandra Reed and Football Coach David Baughman pay their debt by washing the SSC bus as they honor a SSC football victory over Bay High.

over time field goal by Taylor LaFontaine earned a newfound respect for a deserving SSC team.

SSC was playoff bound for

the first time in years. This was the success that had for so long eluded the team. Even though SSC lost its championship bid to South Pike, the team and the school learned something very valuable. Now we all knew that we could be champions. The "impossible dream" had become a reality. And so as Dickinson said, "to comprehend the nectar requires sorest need," SSC had long had the "need" to win, and after the bland taste of dry defeat, we came to know the sweet taste of success. Congratulations to our Rock-A-Chaw team and coaches. Your successes gave so much to all of us at SSC.



Brother Ronald Hingle and Coach Dave Kenson look on the bus washing with obvious pride in SSC's victory. (Photos by Matthew Burke)

'Louder!'

By David Billiot

"Louder!" This was a commonly heard word when we, the cast members of "Twelve Angry People," were practicing our performance. The person telling us to be louder was Mrs. Carr, the drama coordinator and director of this version of the play originally called "Twelve Angry Men." She was telling us to speak louder because she was preparing us for a much bigger setting than our regular one, the A.V. Room. The setting that Mrs. Carr was preparing us for was an auditorium full of strangers at the University of Southern Mississippi.

"Twelve Angry People" is a slightly modernized interpretation of the original play. It is a powerful story about twelve very different people who are jurors in a first degree murder case where the defendant is a sixteen year old boy. The boy is accused of murdering his father and fleeing the scene of the crime, only to come back later and be arrested. In the play, the main character, Juror #8, sets out to convince the other jurors that

the boy is not guilty. With all of the evidence against the boy, this ends up being a difficult task. Juror #8 accomplishes this task, though, and the boy is found not guilty of murder.



Mrs. Terry Carr poses here with the cast of "Twelve Angry People."

Students from both SSC and OLA auditioned for the play in October, and the main per-

formance at the South Mississippi High School Drama Fest in Hattiesburg was held -on December tenth through the twelfth. There were fourteen other schools competing besides St. Stanislaus. We per-

formed on Friday the eleventh, and we stayed until Saturday for the final plays and awards ceremony. Awards were given in many categories, from Best Director to Technical Achievement. Three cast members from SSC were chosen for the All-Star Cast category: T-J. McKeough, Rod Olds, and myself. Although our play was not chosen as one of the finalists to go to state, we are still proud of our performance and the goals that we have achieved. Everyone involved in the play gave 110%, and most of all we had fun doing it. The trip was almost like a retreat, allowing students and teachers to relate and talk. The entire experience was rewarding, and I know I will be at the auditions for the spring play. I encourage other students to try out also.

An Impressive New Sound

Listening to the SSC Band this school year, one can't help but notice the obvious changes that have taken place within the rhythmic ranks. Under the direction of Mr. Ed Grotkowski, the band has a definitive shape and impressive sound. Band size has increased this school year, as more SSC students and OLA students take advantage of the opportunity to sound their talents. The SSC Band has definite rhythm in its step. There is a cohesiveness in the marching movement that suggests each member is giving his or her personal best.

"Enough calls," voiced Mr. Grotkowski to his drum major during a practice after school.

OLA student, Roxanne McCullen, responded by signaling the band.

"Okay, one, two, three, four," Roxanne called out. The group then began playing a free-flowing Latin tune that could easily have transported any listener south of the border. When the practice neared its conclusion, Mr. Grotkowski directed the members to come in closer to him. He then began to delineate the areas where changes were necessary. The members listened attentively to his insightful direction. They seemed to know their director has brought them to a new level of achievement.

In speaking with band member Kevin Stoltz, the Rock-A-Chaw learned that the SSC Band participated in the competition held in Tylertown, Mississippi, where the band fared well. We asked Kevin to talk about the band.

"Kevin, how would you compare the last year's band to the present band?"

"Last year's band wasn't as together. This year's band is together, and the scores we received at competition show it too."

"How does Mr. Grotkowski lead this year's band?"

"He makes the band more disciplined. He's more strict and that helps out the band a lot."

"In which ways does his strictness help the band?"

"We practice more; there's more structure and that's important."

"How do you rate band members' overall opinion of the band?"

"We consider it better this year than last year, and we are happy about the way we sound."

The band members' happiness shows. This year's band has a heads-up look and sound. Much of this change for the better is due to Mr. Grotkowski. Rock-A-Chaw staff and band member Edward Jasper interviewed Mr.

Grotkowski.

"Mr. Grotkowski, how long have you been a band teacher?"

"I've taught band for nineteen years. I've taught in Louisiana, California, Pennsylvania, and Florida."

"What would you say, Mr. Grotkowski, is really good about our band?"

"Our band has great potential which continues to be developed."

"What is weak about our band?"

"We are a young band, and only time will give us the depth and consistency required."

"Mr. Grotkowski, could you describe our band in one word?"

"Heart."

"That one word certainly says a lot. How about any long term plans or goals for the band?"

"Some long term goals are steady growth and improvement."

Some major improvements in the band have already occurred. The performances delivered at athletic games and concerts reflect a band well on its way to great accomplishments. The Rock-A-Chaw speaks for all of us at SSC in thanking Mr. Ed Grotkowski and the SSC Band for their work, dedication, and that impressive new sound!

Thanks for the Cheers



Shown here are Mrs. Pat Cousins and members of the cheer leading squad.

Who could ever imagine a rousing pep rally minus the cheers? SSC has a wonderful group of cheerleaders supervised by Mrs. Pat Cousins and her assistant Mrs. Sue Page. The Rock-A-Chaw wished to show its appreciation for the fine job Mrs. Cousins and these cheerleaders do in supporting our athletic programs. Rock-A-Chaw staff member, Andrew Waterman, interviewed Mrs. Cousins.

"Mrs. Cousins, how long have you been teaching at SSC, and what do you teach?"

"This is my sixth year at St. Stanislaus, and I presently teach math."

"Have you sponsored a cheerleading program before coming to SSC?"

"No, this is my only work as a cheerleading sponsor."

"Would you please tell us about the cheer-

OLA gets a sheet to evaluate the girls on things like cooperation, participation, schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and so forth. Then, the week of tryouts, we have a clinic where we teach them a cheer and a dance and some jumps. Then I ask outside judges to come in and judge the girls."

"So the process takes a while?"

"It takes several weeks for me to put it together. These students are judged by their teachers' evaluations, my observations at the clinic, and the outside judges. The outside judges votes comprise fifty percent of the total grade."

"Mrs. Cousins, would you describe a typical practice?"

"We practice Tuesdays and Thursdays for about an hour and a half. Normally we practice

leading squad?"

"The Junior Varsity cheerleaders are eighth and ninth grade students, and there are thirteen of them. Varsity cheerleaders are tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students, and there are ten of them. All of the girls have to be students at OLA."

"How are the cheerleaders selected?"

"It's a very involved process. First all of the girls have to sign up. Each teacher at

cheers, dances, and chants; if there is time afterwards, we practice stunts."

"How many hours, game time included, do you devote to this activity, Mrs. Cousins?"

"Per week, the time ranges anywhere from fifteen to twenty hours."

"Do you and the cheerleaders go to all of the games?"

"We try to, yes, but if it is a weeknight and it is far away, there is the possibility we might not attend."

"Is there a particular moment in your work with the cheerleaders that has special meaning for you?"

"Well, this has been a very exciting season. The football team went to the playoffs, and that was special for everyone."

"Mrs. Cousins, what do you think is the most positive aspect of cheerleading for the students involved?"

"I think it is good for the cheerleaders because they are the visible representation of SSC and OLA."

A list of the SSC Cheerleaders appears at the end of this article. The Rock-A-Chaw expresses thanks to them and to Mrs. Pat Cousins for their hard work and dedication.

Varsity Cheerleaders - Kim Frazier - Captain, Beth Harris - Co-Captain, Ashley Alford, Aimee Boudreaux, Jessica Heaton, Mandy McConnell, Rachel McDonald, Christine Rivera, Karryl Russell, and Bret Barbazon - Rock-a-Chaw Man.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders - Sheila Barter - Captain, Diane Ryan - Co-Captain, Erica Benvenuti, Megan Hunter, Mikki Kenny, Tess Kingston, Michelle Lady, Natalie Mitchell, Verina Robiller, Renee Romain, Emilie Scianna, and Meghan Williams.

SSC Baseball Has Begun

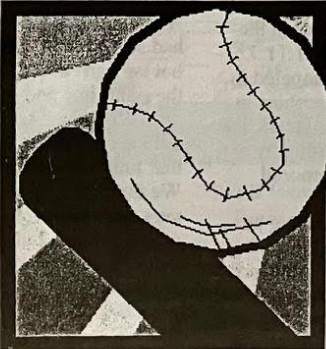
Coach Stace McRaney informed the Rock-A-Chaw that the SSC baseball season is underway. Tryouts were held the week of January 11th - 15th for players who were not playing soccer or basketball.

The SSC baseball program is looking forward to a successful season with the return of eleven lettermen from last year's squad. The season will

begin on February 20th when the SSC hosts the fifth annual St. Stanislaus Catholic Schools Tournament.

The Rocks hope to enjoy the continued support of the SSC student body, faculty, and staff.

(The next column on this page shows the schedule for the varsity and junior varsity baseball team.)



Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 20	SSC Tournament	Home	
	SSC vs. St. John		(M) 11:00
	St. John vs. Mercy Cross		(M) 2:00
	SSC vs. Mercy Cross		(M) 5:00
Tues. 23	Pass Christian	Away	(M) 5:00
Fri. 26	Ben Franklin, LA	Home	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
Sat. 27	Hancock Tournament	Away	(M) TBA; (M) TBA
March			
Tues. 2	*Bay St. Louis	Home	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
Fri. 5	*Piquette	Away	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
Sat. 6	Mercy Cross Tournament	Away	(M) TBA; (M) TBA
Tues. 9	*Oak Grove	Away	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
Fri. 12	*Petal	Home	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
Sat. 13	Biloxi	Away	(M) 8:00
Fri. 19	*Columbia	Home	(M) 5:00
Sat. 20	*Pearl River Central	Away	(M) 12:00; (M) 2:00
Tues. 23	*Hancock	Away	(M) 8:00; (M) 8:00
Fri. 26	*Bay St. Louis	Away	(M) 8:00; (M) 8:00
Sat. 27	Pass Christian	Home	(M) 11:00; (M) 1:00
Mon. 29	*Piquette	Home	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
April			
Sat. 3	*Oak Grove	Home	(M) 12:00; (M) 2:00
Mon. 5	Poplarville	Away	(M) 4:00; (M) 6:00
Tues. 6	*Petal	Away	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
Fri. 9	*Pearl River Central	Home	(M) 5:00; (M) 7:00
Sat. 10	Shaw, AL	Away	(M) 1:30
	McCall-Toole, AL	Away	(M) 4:00
Tues. 13	*Columbia	Away	(M) 8:00
Fri. 16	*Hancock	Home	(M) 8:00; (M) 8:00
Sat. 17	Harrison Central	Home	(M) 11:00; (M) 1:30

* denotes district games

Sail On!

The St. Stanislaus sailing team qualified to sail in the Mallory Cup National High School Regatta. The regatta will be sailed in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on May 8th and 9th.

The qualifying regatta was held at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans on February 6th and 7th. David Taylor skippered for team A with Keith Puckett and B.J. Keel as crew. Ben Puckett was the B team skipper. His crew was Emily Taylor and Melissa Chapoton. Four high school teams competed in our area for two spots at the national championship. The teams were Jesuit High School,



Shown here are Mrs. Jennifer Schmidt and the crew of the St. Stanislaus sailing team.

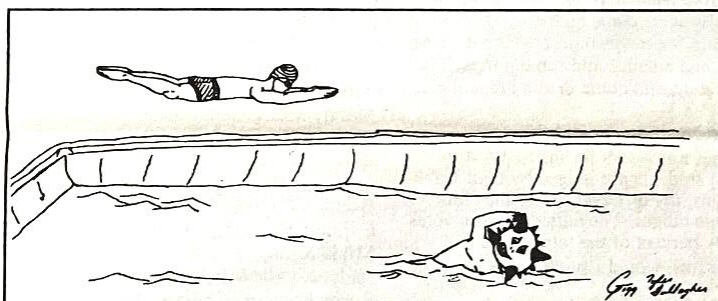
Mount Carmel High School, and Sacred

Heart Academy, all of New Orleans.

The competition was tough, but the Rocks pulled it off. They were in third place, five points behind the Mount Carmel team, after Saturday's races. On Sunday, they sailed two beautiful races and tied Mount Carmel for second place. After the tiebreaker the results were: Jesuit 1st place, St. Stanislaus 2nd place, Mount Carmel 3rd place, and Sacred Heart 4th place.

There will be many fundraisers between now and May, as the team raises money to travel to Michigan. Come out and support our Sailors!

Last Splash of the Season



Drawing by Tyler Gallagher.

By Coach Joe Gex

The 1998 SSC Swim Team finished its season on October 24th placing seventh in the MHSAA State Swimming Championships in Biloxi. The team placed seventh overall but was the second highest rated southern team in the rankings. The team barely missed a top five finish by three points. All schools that finished ahead of SSC were 5A schools and Ocean Springs was the only other southern team ranked ahead of SSC.

On October 3rd, the Rocks participated in the Biloxi Fall Invitational and placed fourth overall out of 17 teams from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. The Rocks were the second ranked team from Mississippi in the meet. The Rocks received a record-

breaking performance from junior Jamie Higgins in the 500-yard freestyle. He placed second with a time of 5:34.49, which

shattered the old record by 59 seconds.

Thad David broke his own school record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 59.34. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Higgins, David, Robin Herndon, and Billy Bourgeois set a new school record with a time of 3:56.48.

Herndon also set a school record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:11.72.

On October 17th, the team competed in the MHSAA South State championships in Biloxi where they placed second overall. The team missed out on the championship by a mere three points to Picayune Memorial High School.

The team received record-breaking performances from Jamie Higgins in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:28.69, which placed him second overall. He also won the 200 IM with a time of 2:14.94. Robin Herndon broke his own school record in the 100-

yard breaststroke with a time 1:10.54 and also placed second. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Higgins, Herndon, David, and Finnilla placed first and set a new school record with a time of 3:51.43.

In the state championships on October 24th, the team set five school records. Jamie Higgins broke his own school record in the 200 IM with a time of 2:14.20. He placed third overall in the state. Thad David rebroke his school record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 59.28. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of David, Matt Finnilla, Robin Herndon, and Higgins placed fifth and broke the school record with a time of 1:43.63. Herndon broke his own school record and placed fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.31. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Higgins, Herndon, David, and Finnilla placed fifth and set a new school record with a time of 3:50.57.

Coach Joe Gex commented on the season, "I thought that we swam well this season. We had some training setbacks with the weather but we can't avoid that. We started to peak at the right time and got some great swims."

"We placed seventh in the state and that is not too shabby considering that all the teams that finished ahead of us were 5A schools. We don't have any seniors so next year looks very promising for us. We broke a lot of school records but the bottom line is that the kid's times were dropping. That means we are becoming better swimmers. We had a great year and I am very proud of this team. They deserve what they get."

Basketball Statistics

Here are the statistics for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams.

Varsity:

Record: 19-3 Overall and 3-2 District

Also won 4 Invitational Tournaments

POINTS

- 1) Junior Davis-17.8
- 2) Paul Farve- 17.2
- 3) Zeke Davis-12.6
- 4) J.R. Willis-7.0
- 5) Steve Peterman-6.8

REBOUNDS

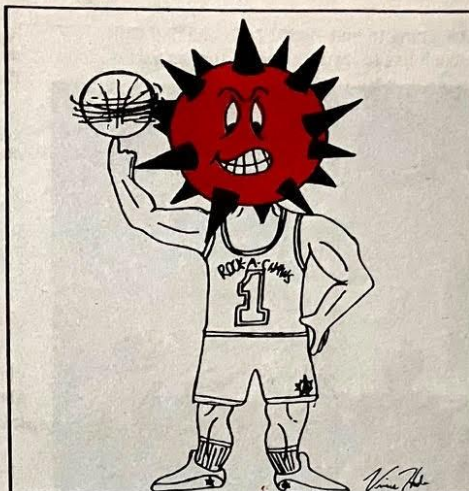
- 1) Steve Peterman-6.2
- 2) Paul Farve-6.1
- 3) Brantley Ladner-5.8
- 4) Ben Ladner-5.6
- 5) J.R. Willis-5.2

ASSISTS

- 1) J.R. Willis-7.2
- 2) Brantley Ladner-3.5
- 3) Jason Santiago-3.3
- 4) Zeke Davis-3.3
- 5) Paul Farve-3.0

STEALS

- 1) J.R. Willis-4.2
- 2) Zeke Davis-4.0



Drawing by Vince Hoda.

- 3) Junior Davis-3.7
- 4) Jason Santiago-3.1
- 5) Paul Farve-3.0

Junior Varsity:

Had a 10-1 record overall

POINTS

- 1) Mike Ryan-13.3
- 2) Lee Howard -10.0
- 3) Grayson Timidaiski-9.2
- 4) Aaron Dunklin-8.6
- 5) John Ellis-7.8

REBOUNDS

- 1) Lee Howard-6.7
- 2) Grayson Timidaiski-5.0
- 3) John Ellis-4.8
- 4) Aaron Dunklin-4.2
- 5) Cameron Byrne-3.7
- 6) Kris Cannon-3.7

ASSISTS

- 1) Aaron Dunklin-4.3
- 2) Mike Ryan-4.1
- 3) John Ellis-3.5
- 4) Lee Howard-2.9
- 5) Cameron Byrne-2.4

STEALS

- 1) Aaron Dunklin-3.7
- 2) Lee Howard-3.0
- 3) Kris Cannon-2.7
- 4) Grayson Timidaiski-2.6
- 5) Mike Ryan-2.2

Soccer Statistics



Drawing by Tyler Gallagher.

Goals: Wadsworth-18
Gagnon-16 Middleton-16
Alvarez-11 Vanney-7 Rich-5
DelaFuente-3 Genin-3
Lewis-2 Everett-2 Brooks-2
Ridgeway-2 Cranford-2
Covington-2 Heaps-1
Hansell-1 Kulikowski-1
Theriot-1

Assists: Rich-22
Middleton-11 Covington-8
Vanney-4 Alvarez-4
Wadsworth-4 Genin-3
DelaFuente-2 Powell-2
Brooks-2 Everett-2 Heaps-1
Kulikowski-1 Ridgeway-1

Defense: Favre-K
Vanney-SW
Powell-SW Everett-FB
Harshbarger-FB Lewis-

SW/FB Genin-ST Flores-ST

Junior Varsity:

The Junior Varsity had a final record of 7-0-2 overall.

Goals: Kulikowski-7 Benet-7 Hansell-5
Brooks-5 Covington-5 Cranford-4 Heaps-3
Theriot-2 Powell Turfitt Strickland

Assists: Heaps-7 Brooks-3
Hansell-3 Covington-3 Turfitt-2 Benet
Breland Leonard Cranford Theriot Kulikowski

Defense: Mendoza-K Powell-SW
Kulikowski-SW Fitzmaurice-FB
Leonard-FB Strickland-FB Breland-ST

Junior High:

The Junior High Soccer team had a final overall record of 10-5. Also they reached the semifinals of the Rumell Junior High Tournament.

Goals: K. Lewis-11 M. Kivlan-9 J. Bourgeois-4 T. Farrar-2 P. Natal-1
S. Azpiri-1 P. Gil-1 J. Lingsch-1

Assists: K. Lewis-2 J. Bourgeois-1
T.J. Koger-1 J. Gomez-1 M. Kivlan-1
K. Lewis-1 T. Kulikowski-1 S. Azpiri-1
J. Johnson-1 P. Natal-1

Combined Goalkeeping:

(S. Olsen/T. Farrar)

Average-1.2 Goals against/game

Here are the statistics for the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High soccer teams.

Varsity:

The Varsity had a record of 18-4-1 overall as of 1/27/99.

Sports, Handshakes, and Sportsmanship

SSC Varsity Basketball and Junior Varsity Basketball are enjoying successful seasons this year. A great deal of this success is the result of excellent coaching. The Rock-A-Chaw is pleased to share an interview with SSC Varsity Basketball Coach Jay Ladner.

"Coach, how long have you been at SSC?"

"Eight years. I began my coaching here."

"You and your assistants, Errol Gauff and Brother Anton, coach a very impressive varsity team.

How do you and your staff build an effective team?"

"We really put our team together at the seventh grade level. It's a continual process; we build from the seventh grade team where our program starts. We take a lot of pride in the off season activities. We practice and work very hard. We participate in the summer team preparations; we do weight lifting and plyometrics."

"Coach, what are plyometrics?"

"Plyometrics is a term for explosiveness in play and jumping."

"What qualities do you look for in key players?"

"We like all players to possess the general qualities necessary, and we look for aggressiveness, coachable attitudes, and dedication."

"Coach, during one home game, there was a very questionable call. How do you, as a head coach, stay focused and on track after such a call?"

"Officiating is part of the game. Officials

are going to make good calls and bad calls. A coach has to learn to accept that as part of good



Garv Maitland goes up for a shot against two Catholic High defenders.

sportsmanship. As a matter of fact, we instill this attitude in our players by not allowing them to dispute a call in any way, not even by a facial expression."

"Coach, that does seem to promote not only good sportsmanship, but it also exemplifies positive Christian values."

"Yes, and our boys know that if one of them

fouls out, that player goes to each official to shake hands before that player leaves the court. We consider this very important."

"Coach, congratulations are in order for your recent Mayor's Cup victory. How was that experience?"

"Well, something like that is always special. It means a lot to us because we defeated a division rival, a cross-town rival. Also, in the eight years since the Mayor's Cup has been around, SSC has won it seven times."

"That's quite a record, Coach. How do you see the end of the SSC basketball season?"

"Our goal is to win state championship in class 4A. There is a long road between here and there. Our division is extra tough. It will take a yeoman's effort to accomplish our goal."

"What, if anything, may change about your strategy for next year?"

"We've got most of our boys returning for next year. Looking ahead, we hope for a similar style team with a lot of pressing, tough man-to-man defense, and a quick up tempo."

"Are there any final words for your team, Coach?"

"They've worked extremely hard in the off season. Hopefully we'll be able to finish where we'd like to for this year. I think, and this is presently unofficial, but at this point SSC has more regular season wins than in any other time in SSC basketball history."

"That's quite a record, Coach."

The Rock-A-Chaw thanked Coach Ladner for giving his time for this interview. It's clear our SSC Varsity Team has accomplished much this year, and we wish the players continued success under Coach Ladner and his staff. Best of luck, Varsity and Junior Varsity Rocks!

A Winning Hand . . . Aces for A.C.E.

Imagine that you are one of the 494 students who participate in the academic competition called A.C.E. The competition takes place early on a Saturday morning in December at St. Stanislaus College Prep School. Through the eyes of one A.C.E. participant, we get a glimpse of the experience:

I am nervous and scared. I want to do my best because I have been chosen to represent my school. I don't know quite what to expect as I arrive on the SSC campus. Almost immediately I see three massive hot air balloons. They are so huge, maybe 100 feet wide and twice as tall! The balloons are so colorful: bright reds and blues.

Older students, boys in red coats, show everyone where to go as they give us directions around the school. They look sharp, and they tell us, "Good luck on the test."

Our teachers round us up in our teams and bring us into the school building. There

are people everywhere. I recognize some students from other schools who have come to the competition. A nice man comes up to me and asks me if I've ever written with a pen that changes ink color right before my eyes. Suddenly a crowd gathers around me to watch the magic tricks this magician is performing.

Even though there are a lot of people, everyone knows exactly where to go to take the test. The adult in our room is very friendly. The test is challenging, but I think I do fine with it. After, I talk with students from other schools and make some new friends.

The older boys in the red coats come by our classrooms and take us in tours around the school. It is the prettiest school I've ever seen. I love the big oak trees everywhere. This school even has a beach in front of it with volleyball nets and a big pier that goes way out onto the water. Boy, are the guys that go to school here lucky! They must go fishing everyday!

We eat lunch in the cafeteria, and then we head to the gym. We are all seated, and a man with a microphone welcomes us. The gym is packed with students, teachers, and parents. The SSC Band plays some Christmas songs, and the cheerleaders do some cheers. But I like the basketball team the best. These guys look like the Harlem Globetrotters doing all their drills.

Then I get nervous again because it is time to announce the winners. There is a table with plenty of trophies on it. I hope my name is called.

It is such a fun day! I get a T-shirt, and I see the Heisman trophy. I know about this trophy because of a show on ESPN about Heisman trophy winners, and I hear Doc Blanchard's name, and I remember it from the show. Wow! All I can say is I want to go to this school!

Senior Profiles: Paul Favre

By: SSC Newspaper Staff

Watching senior Paul Favre play competitive basketball gives the observer the feeling that this sport could figure prominently in Paul's life. It seems he loves to play the game. As a member of an impressive SSC Varsity Team, Paul plays with an ability level that reflects hours of practice and dedication. His enthusiasm is evident throughout the game, and he seems to bring out the best in himself on the court. The Rock-A-Chaw caught up with Paul for an interview.

"Paul, how long have you been a student at St. Stanislaus?"

"I started school here in the seventh grade."

"Did you start playing basketball then?"

"Yes."

"Do you participate in other sports?"

"I run track. I run the 200-meter, and I participate in the long jump. I like basketball best. I like the real up-tempo. It's fun and it's exciting to play."

"Paul, do you see yourself playing college basketball?"

"I don't really plan on it, but I might play ball for Dillard University."

"Dillard is located in New Orleans, right? Is there another college you are considering?"

"Well, there's USM and Dillard."

"As a senior, Paul, what are the positives?"

"Well, in sports, you have a lot of responsibility on the team. You look to see that the other players are doing what they need to do. All the younger students seem to

look up to you when you're a senior."

"How would you advise these younger students?"

"Work hard in school. Live life to the fullest. Stick with it and be dedicated."

"Paul, do you have any feelings about leaving SSC?"

"To tell you the truth, I'm going to miss it. It might not seem like it, but these are the best years of my life. A person never gets a chance to be young again. That's about it."

"Paul, we know you've been an avid Chicago Bulls fan, but now that the Bulls have experienced a major break-up, how about Paul Favre's prediction for the next great pro basketball team?"

"Lakers."

Paul shared a smile at this last word. He knew he was talking to a Jazz fan.

Senior Profiles: Patrick Lee

By: Ryan Davis

Senior Patrick Lee agreed to be interviewed by the Rock-A-Chaw after school. He had a friendly personality throughout the interview.

"Patrick, how long have you been a student at St. Stanislaus?"

"This is my sixth year at St. Stanislaus."

"What sports, activities, or interests are you into at SSC and outside of school?"

"At school, I am a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, I have been training in Taekwondo for eight years. I am currently teaching a class of five-to-eleven-years-old at the Long Beach/Pass Christian Y.M.C.A. I have played the piano for ten years, and I have recently started playing the guitar."

"If you could change one thing at school, what would it be?"

"I would like to see more spirit-related activities such as pep rallies for fall sports and free-dress days."

"To change the subject a little, what are some of the advantages and disadvantages of being a senior?"

"The biggest disadvantage of being a senior is that there is little free-time left between staying on top of your classes, extra-curricular activities, and preparing for college in the form of applications and

essays.

On the other hand, there is a certain relief in knowing that the year of hard work in high school will soon pay off in college."

"How has this school prepared you for college?"

"St. Stanislaus has taught me what it means to be responsible for myself and for doing what I need to do. Challenging courses like Brother Malcom's Honors Chemistry and Mr. Gemelli's Calculus have helped prepare me for an environment where I will have to use reason and logic to go beyond simple memorization problems and procedures. Also, my teachers have assisted me greatly in the college application process."

"Do you have any advice for the younger students?"

"The best advice I have for the younger students is to stay on top of your classes. It can be easy to fall behind, especially as your classes grow more and more challenging. I also advise everyone to take the ACT as many times as possible, even during your junior year. Start looking into and applying to colleges early to avoid having all the pressures dropped on you as a senior."

"Thank you, Patrick."

Math, Science Wins

By Mr. Jim Thriffley

Here are the results of the Mississippi Math and Science Tournament, which took place on February 4th. There were eighty-seven schools and 758 students competing in the contest.

Marc Cerisier won the overall state championship in computer science, and he was awarded a gold medal and a \$8,000 scholarship.

Edward Flores scored in the top five percent in chemistry and earned a \$2,000 scholarship.

Denny Li ranked in the top ten percent in mathematics and earned a \$2,000 scholarship.

Daniel Osorno scored in the top seven percent in physics and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. He also ranked in the top twenty percent in math and was presented a \$1,200 scholarship.

Andres Osorno ranked in the top ten percent in physics and was given a \$2,000 scholarship.

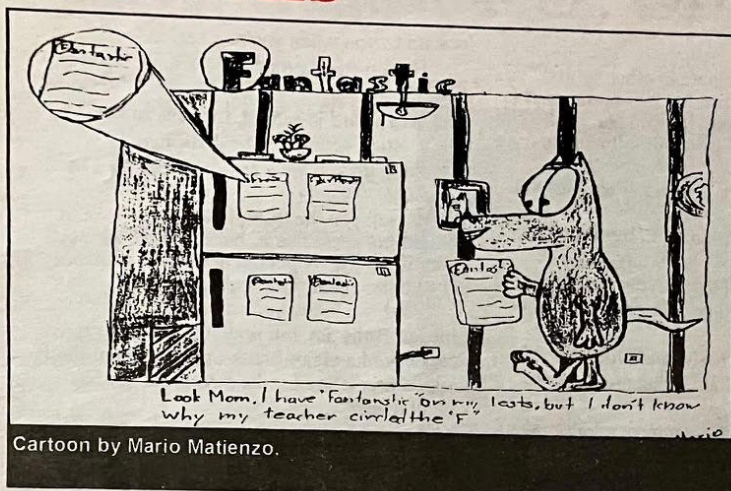
Jonathan Gagnon scored in the top thirteen percent in physics and was awarded a \$1,200 scholarship.

D'Mitre Sofianos scored in the top twenty percent in mathematics and was awarded an \$1,200 scholarship.

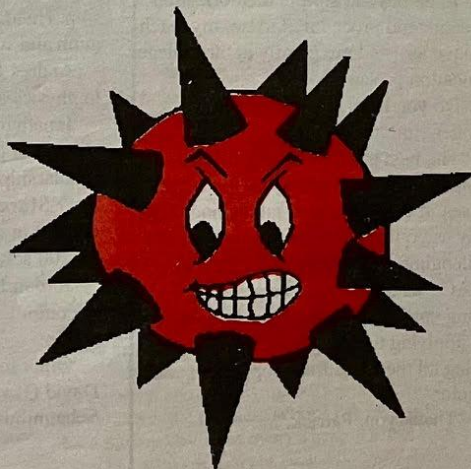
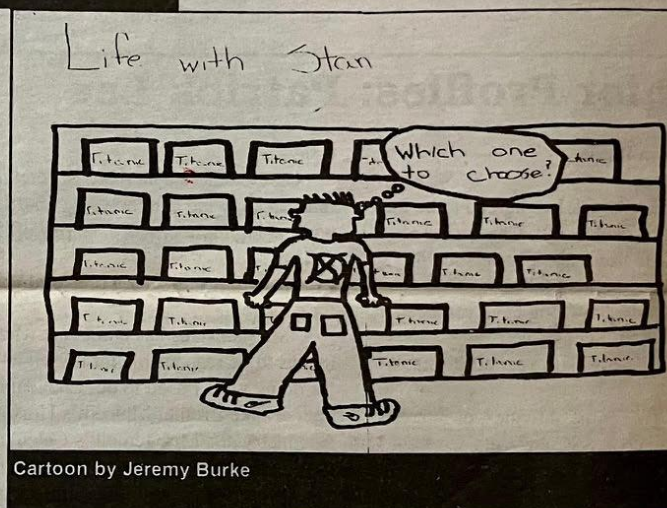
Jordan Blaize scored in the top twenty percent in computer science and earned a \$1,200 scholarship.

Other members of the team were Patrick Lee, David Oliver, Michael Giardino, and Kris Schaumburg.

Cartoons



If you would like to submit a cartoon to the Rock-A-Chaw Newspaper please give the cartoon to Mrs. Bradbrook. Please include your name on the drawing. Only the top three drawings will be chosen.



The Rock-A-Chaw would like to thank all of those who had contributed articles, pictures, or drawings. Please look for more issues still to come!!!

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A lifetime sport

As the head tennis coach at SSC, Coach Myron Labat continues to spread his enthusiasm for the sport. The Rock-A-Chaw asked Coach Labat for an interview, which he kindly granted.

"Coach Labat, how long have you been at SSC?"

"This is my fourteenth year here. Before working at SSC, I taught at Bay High and the Gulfport Job Core Center."

"What subjects do you presently teach?"

"I teach eighth grade American History, and I teach Law Related Education to students in grades nine through twelve. I have also taught Minority Studies here at SSC."

"Coach Labat, do you have any assistants working with you in the tennis program?"

"Nate Grossnickle is my assistant."

"Tell us about your program, Coach."

"Well, we started practice the first week of February, which is as early as we are allowed to begin under state rules. We have between eight and ten guys on the team; the number varies. We also have the same number of girls on the team. The girls are students from OLA, and they participate in dual matches."

"Coach, what is the process for qualifying for the team?"

"Since tennis at SSC is usually competitive, players who have experience in the form of lessons or junior tournament experience have an advantage over those who don't. I would definitely recommend prior experience before trying out for the team. We do have a three day tryout period at the start of the practice season to help me determine which players are skilled enough to qualify for the team roster."

"What specifics do you look for, Coach?"

"We look for a desire to play, a good attitude, and a willingness to endure the conditioning which prepares one for long matches. We have always had one philoso-

to use and adjust as the match progresses.

"Coach, do any particular moments stand out for you?"

"One moment I can recall had me on

pins and needles. It was the finals of the Boys Doubles Event at the state tournaments in 1997. Scott Wallace and Philip Marino were playing against McComb, who had beaten us the previous year in the finals. In this particular match, we had lost the first set, but we were able to come back and pull out the victory in three close sets. We won the Boys Doubles State Championship."

"How did you feel when that was over, Coach?"

"I was relieved and overjoyed. This win had come after we had

reached the finals twice but lost each time. This was an especially sweet victory."

"Coach Labat, what is the greatest reward for you in teaching tennis?"

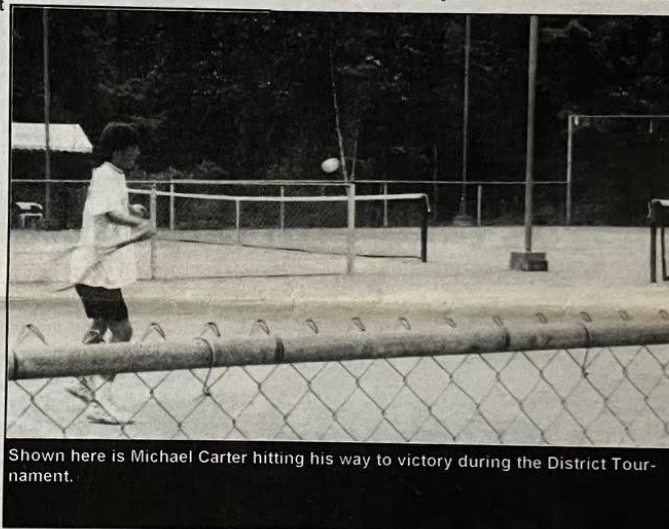
"The greatest reward for me is seeing a young guy, a seventh grade student, for instance, work hard enough to become a member of the team, and then this young man improves his playing ability over the years to the point where he is ready to progress to the next level, college tennis."

"So players who qualify might find themselves in positions for scholarships, Coach?"

"Yes, colleges send scouts to look at promising players, but players should also contact colleges and let them know that they are interested in particular schools."

It's obvious Coach Labat enjoys tennis, a sport that one is never too old to play.

(See tennis stats on page 7)



Shown here is Michael Carter hitting his way to victory during the District Tournament.

phy here, and that is the physical condition of our tennis players is something we can control to a certain extent, so we work very hard to do that."

"Coach Labat, why would you encourage students to participate in tennis?"

"First of all, it's fun, but probably the overwhelming reason is because tennis is a lifetime sport. It's not something that you'd want to quit after you finish high school. I have friends in their sixties and seventies who still play a competitive game of tennis. It's a way to meet people and to socialize, as well as being a fun way to exercise."

"What do you feel is the most demanding aspect of the sport?"

"The most demanding aspect is the nature of the singles game. It's very closely related to a boxing match, one person against one person. No coaching is allowed during the match in a tournament setting. One person not only has to match his skills against another's, but he has to match his wits and intelligence against the other person's. One has to figure out what strategies

Junior sets sight on goals

SSC Junior Stephen Peterman is usually easy to find on campus. He towers above a lot of students as he heads down hallways to classes. His height and size serve him well in the area of sports, and college scouts from around the country have noticed him. The Rock-A-Chaw asked Stephen for an interview.

"Stephen, how long have you been a student at SSC?"

"I started here in the seventh grade."

"How would you describe yourself as a student in academic terms?"

"I maintain a B average, and the subjects I like most are math and science."

"Stephen, you played football and basketball this year. What are your sports interests?"

"Well, I've played football and basketball since seventh grade. I played baseball in seventh, eighth,

ninth, and tenth grade. I started track this year, and I won the district in the discus. I won regionals and qualified for state."

"Is football the sport that interests you most?"

"Yes, I'd have to say it is. I played tight end and defensive end, but I liked tight end best."

"What do you enjoy most about playing football?"

"Beating an opponent and feeling the winning is probably the best for me."

"How do you stay in shape?"

"I work out with weights every day, and I run just about every day. I do some workouts with Coach Kenson in the weight training class, and I also work out with Mr. J. E. Loicano at Loicano's Health Club."

"Stephen, have you been asked to attend LSU after you graduate?"

"I went to LSU's summer camp, and I was invited back to their all-star

camp. I was happy about that because I knew that the best players in the south are invited to the all-star camp. Representatives from LSU talked about a scholarship for me up the road. They'd like me to commit now."

"Is LSU, then, the place for Stephen Peterman?"

"Well, I'm not ready to commit yet; I'd like to consider other offers."

"What are some of these 'other offers'?"

"I hear from colleges from across the country: Tennessee, all the Florida universities, all Mississippi universities, Alabama, Kentucky, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Stanford, just lots of schools."

"That's a lot of prospects, Stephen. How has SSC helped you work toward your goals?"

"SSC prepares me academically. I feel confident that I'll choose the right college, and SSC has helped me achieve this confidence. The spiritual

side of the school helps a lot. God is first in my life, then family, and then all the rest. Teachers and coaches help all along the way. You couldn't ask for better coaches in the sports I play. I also just enjoy the SSC campus, how nice it looks compared to other school campuses I've seen."

"Stephen, you mentioned your family. Could you tell us about them?"

"My Dad is like my best friend. We are very close, and I work with him at his store. I have four sisters, and our whole family is close; I really believe in the importance of the family."

"Do you have words of advice for aspiring SSC students?"

"If you have a dream, just work hard for it, and it will come true with that hard work." Obviously, Stephen Peterman follows his own advice. Best wishes, Stephen, and all SSC students who strive to make their dreams come true.

Rock thinclads take 11th district title in 12 years



Shown here is the SSC track team relaxing and hanging out just before the meet begins.

By Coach Joe Gex

The SSC track team continued the winning success that started in 1988 with their 11th district title in the last 12 years. The Rocks outdistanced their closest opponent, Hancock High School, by more than 70 points. The Rocks won district titles from 1988 through 1994. They placed second in 1995 by one point on a controversial call on the last race of the

day. Then, in 1995 the Rocks picked up the pace again and have won five more titles in a row since.

This season's district title is a little sweeter than recent ones because the team had several holes to fill. In the two preliminary meets to the district, the Rocks won both.

The Rocks placed second to the d'Iberville Warriors in the regional meet at George County by the score of 125-123. The title was lost on the last race of the day, the 1600m relay.

The next week, the Rocks placed fifth at the South State meet in d'Iberville and qualified four athletes for the state meet that took place on May 7th in Jackson. Gary Maitland qualified for the high jump, Willie Golden in the shot put, Stephen Peterman in the discus, and Christian Nemes in the 800m run.

At the state meet, Maitland continued SSC's success in the high jump by winning the state title with a jump of 6'6". SSC has won the even four times since 1993. Vince Moran, a 1995 graduate, won the title twice in 1993 and 1995. In the latter year, he jumped 7'0" to claim the title and set the overall state record. He was just the fourth person in Mississippi history to clear the seven-foot barrier.

Golden narrowly missed medal-ing in the shot put placing fourth with a throw of 49'6 1/2". It was a personal best for Golden who reached the state finals last year placing sixth.

Peterman placed seventh in the state finals in the discus with a throw of 126'1". That throw was also a personal best for Peterman who completed his first season in track.

The darkhorse of the bunch was Nemes. He just kept posting better times each meet after the district finals. He ended the year placing seventh in state with a personal best time

of 2:07.21 in the 800m run.

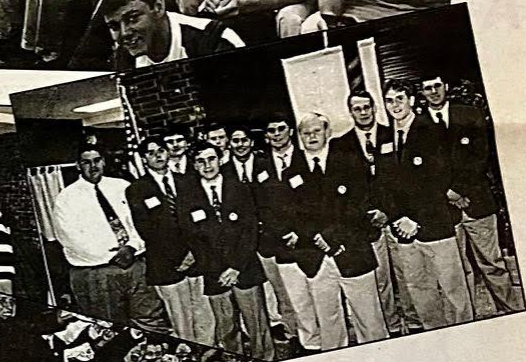
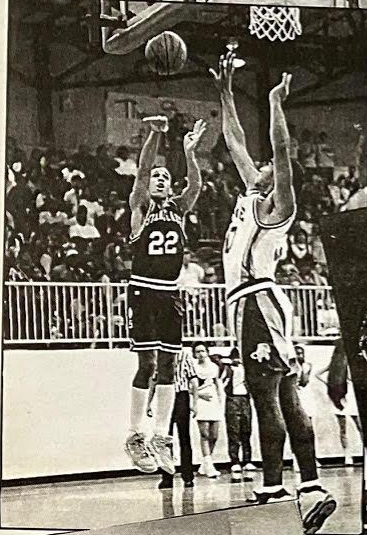
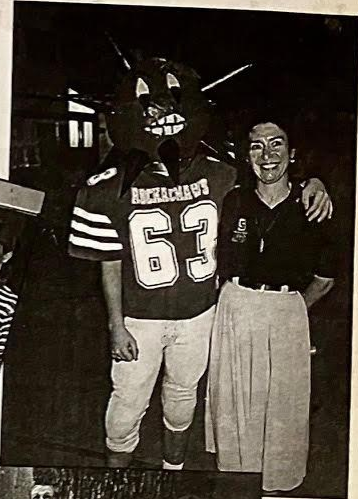
The team had steady performances all year from sophomore Kris Cannon who was undefeated in the 100m and 200m dashes until the south state meet. He also anchored the 400m and 800m relay teams with members Paul Farve, Junior Davis, and Aaron Dunklin.

Seventh grader Kyle Lewis moved up to the varsity team after going undefeated in the junior high ranks. Lewis was pulled up to run the mile for the varsity and posted a best time of 5:03.64 and advanced to the South State meet before missing the state meet by one place coming in fifth.

Farve was a steady long jumper and valuable mile relay leg for the Rocks during his senior campaign. Farve was the recipient of the MVP award for the track events while Cannon claimed the Mr. Rock-a-chaw award as the team's MVP.

Peterman and Golden claimed the MVP awards for the field events and Nemes garnered the Most Improved award for the team.

The team's future looks very bright, as most of the thinclads will be returning next season. With most of the team coming back and the addition of Lewis in the mile run another title might be headed for SSC next year. Stay tuned for the Rock thinclads to charge into the new millennium with a seasoned team hungry for more.



Brothers of the Sacred Heart serving SSC

By Edward Jasper

Many people know Brother Albert as the brother who takes the excuses or doctors' notes from the students who were sick the day before school.

He first decided to become a brother because he had always been taught by them. One brother in particular who had the most impact on him was Brother Bernadine who taught him in the 5th grade. Also, he followed God's vocation for him to become a brother.

He started school to become a brother in September of 1941, in Metuchen, NJ, when he was only a junior in high school.

Since then he has spent a total of 30 years here at SSC and has known nine school presidents.

In his stay here at SSC, he has been through two severe hurricanes that have hit the

SSC area. The 1947 hurricane destroyed the old pier. It was rebuilt in 1948 and destroyed again by Camille in 1969.

One thing about SSC, that not many people know, is that near where the Brother's Cemetery is located there used to be a free school for the poor boys of Bay St. Louis, but it was destroyed by Camille. Also, between the New Gym and the tennis courts was the sight of the Brother's Cemetery and when it was moved to the present site, the brothers were the ones who moved it. Also, when Camille destroyed the old school building, the new one was built before the old one was taken down, brick by brick, and sold.

Brother Pierre works in the Campus Store every day before school and at both lunches and sings at OLG every Sunday night at the 5:30 mass.

In the 7th grade he decided to become a brother but was turned down because of his age. This happened every year until he was accepted as a junior in high school. In 1944 he made his first vows.

Since becoming a brother, he has spent 21 years at SSC. He has been the chef for the Dining Hall (in charge of kitchen), and has mowed the football field lawn until he had an accident that crushed his hip and broke his leg in three places. He was also here during Camille.

He enjoys being stationed at SSC because it lets him do what he wants to do such as fishing or helping students in the Campus Store. He likes being part of a good community and enjoys the company of the brothers with whom he lives.

Some brothers have since left SSC and have also left a legacy. Brother Romuald was the Band Director for whom the Band Hall is named. He organized concerts and a State Competition in Mississippi for bands. Brother Peter is the most famous President here at SSC, and the New Gym is named for him.

NOTE: This is the first in a forthcoming series of interviews with the SSC Brothers.

A prefect's point of view

The SSC residency staff consists of Brother Chris, Brother Joseph, Brother Eduardo, Coach Kenney, Mark Cumilla, Matt Richmond, Steven Bradley, Stephen Collins, Michael Thomas, Michael Shultz, and Bernie Sy. Bernie Sy has recently been accepted into University Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, to begin his work in medicine. As Bernie looks forward to his new endeavor, he reflects on his two years as an SSC prefect.

"Being a prefect is about being part of a family. It's much more than just a job. The kids get to know what you're like in a family type situation. I really see it as an extended family."

Bernie talked of dorm life in terms of the resident students and what he learns from them. He talked of the lighter side of dorm life. "There's a funny moment every day. There's laughter every day. I can see myself in each of the students, making mistakes and learning from those mistakes."

As a role model Bernie tries to impress upon the students that it isn't age or appearance that gives

one maturity. "I try to tell them: one can always be young and child-like, just not always childish. This

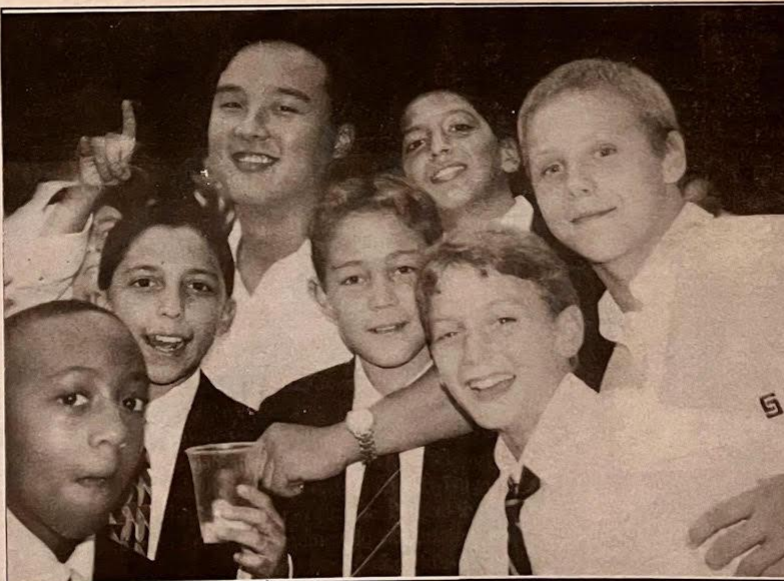
are and to be those people."

Of course, there are some students with whom

friendships are not easily made. Bernie considered these students for a moment and said, "I'll especially miss those students who've challenged me the most because they have shown me the weaknesses in my character, and in these cases we've both grown."

Bernie also thought about his fellow prefects and how he will miss them. I'll miss all of the Brothers: Chris, Joseph, and Eduardo. Coach Kenney has been a father figure to me. He has shown me a lot about consistency and he's guided me toward maturity, yet given me the flexibility to be myself. I also appreciate working with the other prefects. Matt Richmond has been my friend and a tremendous support. I'll miss all of my co-workers."

Bernie Sy will leave his position as an SSC prefect as he moves on toward his dream of becoming a pediatrician, and his SSC family wishes him all the best.



Bernie Sy hangs out with his 7th grade boarders at the Big Brother Little Brother reception.

is how I am with the guys. I lay it out on the table. I hope that I help them to make intelligent decisions. It is important for them to learn who they

Arsenic and Old Lace, a Bully, Good Show

"Arsenic and Old Lace," a dark comedy of murder, misses, and mayhem, was presented by the SSC Drama Department in April. Under the experienced direction of Mrs. Terry Carr, the play delighted audiences with its colorful characters, slapstick humor, and impeccable timing.

A talented cast of students from SSC and OLA delivered lines with pep and lots of personality. There were dead bodies, loveless brothers, comic cops, one mad scientist, a pseudo-President Teddy Roosevelt, and the cutest little old ladies you ever saw. Yes, Miss Abby and Miss Martha, the adorably bubbly Brewster sisters, had one bad habit: murder. Mary Ladner as Abby and Emily Taylor as Martha were quite a team as they flitted about onstage constantly suggesting everyone's favorite grandmothers. The unfortunate fact that these two delicate dainties just happened to like killing unsuspecting boarders with their homemade elderberry wine did not detract from their audience appeal.

The play opened in the Brewster Home where Abby chatted with the Rev. Dr. Harper played by Dustin Tasker, who expertly delivered his lines with a formal demeanor befitting a man of the cloth. A visitor and would-be boarder in the Brewster Home, Herr Deitrich,

played by John Waterman, was spared a death by drink at the hands of the devilish sisters. He escaped unscathed with his impressive German accent in tow.

The Brewster Sisters were aunts to one Mortimer Brewster, a handsome and all-around likable nephew, whom B.J. Peralta portrayed very smoothly throughout the play. His scenes with his beloved, Elaine Harper, played pertly by Meaghan Donohoe, were typically on target as they portrayed the young couple at marriage's door.

In contrast to the nice nephew Mortimer stood the nasty nephew Jonathan complete with a glaring facial scar that caused most of the other characters to confuse him with Boris Karloff. T.J. McKeough moved about onstage with compulsive purpose as the insane Jonathan Brewster. His sidekick, Professor Einstein (not Albert), skillfully played by David Billiot, caught the attention of the audience with his flawless German accent, jerky movements, and funny facial expressions. The scene where he and Jonathan attempted to move a body through an open window and into the trunk of a window seat was nothing short of hilarious.

Cops were everywhere onstage except in the infamous cellar with the dead bodies. Andy Manieri as Officer Brophy and Neil Norton as Officer Klein were relaxed and very believable in their protect-and-serve roles. Chris Fine, in his role as Officer O'Hara, cast a spark as the classic Irish cop whose long-windedness almost cost Mortimer his life. Fine's final scene got a

big laugh as he was pulled off stage, suspended from the force, but still seeking a typewriter to further his writing career. Matt Thompson played Lt. Rooney well as the convincing police lieutenant who took charge of the chaos created by Jonathan Brewster.

Lauren Hansell stepped in at the play's end as the typically reserved representative of the Happy Dale Institution who came to the Brewster Home to secure Teddy. Ah yes, Teddy was the crazy Brewster Brother wonderfully played by Sam Slater. Sam's deep voice and stilted mannerisms, as in the way he lifted his head to scrutinize other characters, added to an overall decorum that the real President Teddy Roosevelt would have been proud to behold. "Ah bully!" exclaimed Slater before he blasted a note on his trumpet and charged up the stairs throughout the play.

And there they were delivering lines, creating laughs, entertaining with an impressive ease, looking very much like talented, young people whose very best efforts had been brought forth by the guidance of their mentor. At the end of one performance, David Billiot simply hugged Mrs. Carr, and that about said it all.

Here is the crew of the production of Arsenic and Old Lace: Matt Thompson, Mrs. Carr, Dustin Chatelain, Mike Miller, John Waterman, Neil Norton, Lonnie Burch, Laura Taquino, Mrs. Susan Estrade, Mrs. Mary Dillenkoffer, Al McGuire, and Doug Whitmore.

A review of the Wizard of Oz Brett Farve footballraffled

By Adair Beany

While the Wizard of Oz that was performed on Thursday, May 13th and Friday, May 14th didn't have all the singing munchkins, winged monkeys, and beautiful rainbow, this one was still just as entertaining.

There were two special guest appearances in the junior high drama production: senior Nathan Russo had a superb performance as the Lion, and OLA student Christine Rivera as the Good Witch of the North. Other excellent performers from St. Stanislaus and OLA were Lauren Veach as Dorothy, Derek Fogarty as Uncle Henry and the Wizard of Oz, Ashley Dugas as Unchkin and Inkie, Megan Walton as Bunchkin and Boo, Mimsie Ladner as Punchie and Binkie, Loretta Seabolt as the Good Witch of the South, and Ashley Timidaski in a great performance was the Wicked Witch of the South.

Other enthusiastic performers included Alyssia Jung as the Scarecrow, Jeff Fine as the Tin Man, and Brady Bordelon as Dinkie. The Wizard of Oz was directed by Mrs. Terry Carr. Congratulations on a great performance!

Mrs. Mary Dillenkoffer's ninth grade 1st period class raffled a football signed by Brett Farve, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers. The money collected was donated to the Lenten Giving Fund to help the needy.

Adam Pace was the top raffle ticket seller in the class.

This is the third football Brett Farve has signed to raise money for the Lenten Giving Fund. The first football was given to Mrs. Dillenkoffer and was a Super Bowl Commemorative Football.

Pictured above kneeling are Allan Rodriguez and Blayne Seguin. Students standing are Chance Richards, Adam Pace, Daniel Morales, Justin Guidry, Gustave Afrika, Bobby Orgeron, and Ret Thigpen.



Enjoying Key Club

By Preston Ellis

When I arrived at St. Stanislaus, I heard about a group called the Key Club. I had no idea what it was, or who was in it. Now, after months of being in the Key Club, I have noticed more and more students who have the same idea that I had. Our Key Club is a student organization sponsored by an affiliated with the Gulfport Kiwanis organization. We are involved with various projects at school, in the community, and at the local church. In response to the Key Club International Major Emphasis Program, which is to educationally enhance the area students who are in need, the focus of our club has been tutoring.

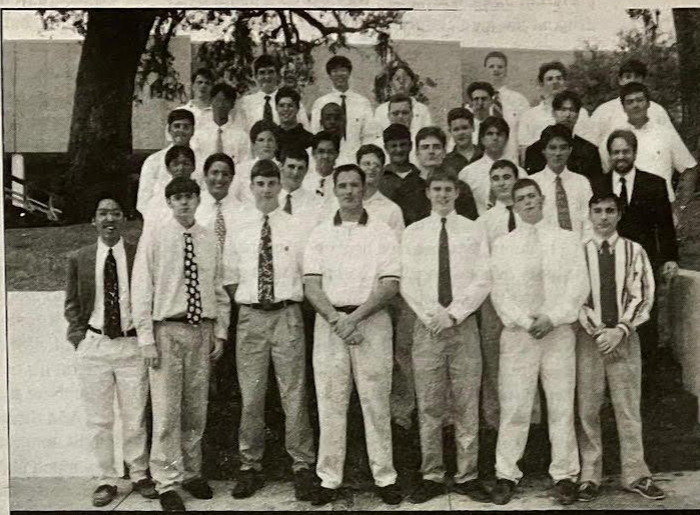
One of the activities in which I have been involved takes place at St. Clare's Catholic School. The Key Club goes there every Tuesday to help children with their homework, studies, and various other things. We do our best to help them to do better with their homework and quizzes.

Another of our activities is helping at Save Our Children. It is a day care center for children of different schools. These children do not have much money and cannot afford regular tutors. These children rely on people like us to help them with their studies. We go there to help them and give them encouragement.

Dorm A tutoring is something the Key Clubbers do every Tuesday and Thursday. At 7 o'clock at night, Key Clubbers use their free time in order to help Dorm A students with their school work.

We do not get paid, and we do not get fame, but we get the satisfaction of knowing we helped

Apostle Catholic School, and we continually assist in cleaning up OLG.



Shown here are the Key Club members of the 1998 - 1999 school year

these children with their school work. And every once in a while, one of these kids will give us a smile and make it all worth our efforts.

We have provided many services in addition to tutoring. One was the Key Club/Student Council co-sponsored Beach Bash and Tropical Dance. The Key Club has also responded to various spontaneous needs of the athletic department such as acting as student hosts for the basketball tournament. The Key Club helped serve lunch at the A.C.E. competition; we assisted at the KIWANIS Pancake Day; we served at the hurricane clean up for the St. Peter the

The big event of the year was the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Convention known as LaMissTnn. Key Clubbers from all three of these great states came together in Biloxi to learn more about how to serve. We spent April 16-18 at the Holiday Inn Express next to the awesome "Coliseum." On Friday after school, we journeyed from Stanislaus to the Holiday Inn Express to stay in our new rooms. That night we witnessed one of the most fascinating speakers I have ever seen, Tyler Durman. As the weekend went by, we continued going to the ballroom to hear the officers of our district speak, and we even got a couple of good hours off Saturday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon, I felt my heart sink as the last lecture ended, and it was time for the District Convention to end. I gained a lot from this experience, though. I understand, now, what it is to be a keyclubber, and I am looking forward to next year.

I urge you all to join our Key Club next year. Special thanks to Brother David Landry and Mrs. Cynthia Clark for sponsoring the SSC Key Club. It is a fascinating experience and will help you to be a better person in your future. It is loads of fun, and the excitement does not cease. Wish you the best, and hope to see you at our opening meeting next year. Have a great summer!

MCTM

By SSC Newspaper Staff

On Thursday, March 18, seventh graders Brad Farrar and Andrew Waterman and eighth graders Trey Schorr and Padrick Dennis traveled to Poplarville along with Mrs. Cousins, the moderator, to compete in the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) regional competition. The test consisted of fifty questions for the seventh grade and 46 for the eighth grade. Approximately 50 students from Hattiesburg to Bay St. Louis competed.

SSC yielded three top seven performances. Brad took seventh; Andrew and Padrick advanced to the state competition with first and second places respectively.

The state competition was held in Decatur, Mississippi, on Friday, April 9. This time both tests were 50 questions. Andrew earned 11th place. Padrick received fourth after a tie-breaking decision for third. Brother Ronald Hingle accompanied the two on the trip.

Math Counts

By SSC Newspaper Staff

The chapter of Math Counts held the district competition on Saturday, February 27, in Gulfport. The team of four was led by Brother Ronald Talbot. The competitors were Tyler Gallagher and Andrew Waterman from seventh grade and Kunal Patel and Padrick Dennis from eighth grade.

The team placed second in the district competition in Gulfport, but did not advance to the state finals because there were only eight teams in competition at district. Andrew Waterman placed seventh in the district tournament, but did not advance to the state finals. Padrick Dennis won first in the individual competition and went to state placing fifth. He was just short from making the Mississippi State Math Counts Team which competed in Washington D.C. for the national championships.

Riding the roller coaster: SSC Stock Market teams

By Trey Schorr and Chris France

Each year SSC participates in a Stock Market Team Competition sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council in Jackson.

Mr. Gemelli is the moderator of this event at SSC. He has had teams in this competition for eight years. Although, this is the first time he has had six out of the top nine teams. This may be a first, but teams from SSC have won the contest before.

St. Stanislaus has fourteen teams in the competition this year. All of the teams are from Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, and Calculus classes. Each team gets \$100,000 to invest, and the team that has the most money in the end wins. This year Jarred Gilmore's team won. Mr. Gemelli sees that these students have a future in the stock market as long as they are "disciplined investors and know what they want to do before they go in and buy."

Cross country and track

The SSC Cross Country Team is coached by Mr. Steve Flannery. The team comprises three teams, junior high, junior varsity, and varsity with seven scoring members on a team. The team has competed in southern Mississippi and southern Louisiana. Out of twenty-four teams competing, the SSC Cross Country team placed sixth at the state meet. T.J. McKough made the All District Team.

Runners train every day after school. They run anywhere from three to eight miles during a daily training session.

Coach Flannery noted the pluses of cross-country running: "There is a lot of comradery among the guys on the team; we work together and there is time to talk."

The meets are also more than just running as Coach Flannery observed, "Even though running the race is hard, it's like a festival at the meets where all

of the competing teams have their tents and canopies set up and the runners relax and talk, or the runners mill around and visit with runners from other schools, or watch the other races until it's their turn to run. Sometimes there is even music being played. It's really like a big festival. The running itself is also good because it's a team sport, but a runner additionally competes against himself on working toward individual goal times," said Coach Flannery.

Track and field Coaches Stan Dellenger, Joe Gex, and Errol Gauff work together with Coach Flannery in preparing athletes for the various track and field events: including long jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus, triple jump, and running events from 100 meters to two miles. Coach Flannery summed up this year's efforts: "We had a very successful year. We won District; we came in second in the Regional Meet, only two points out of first

place. At the Southern State Meet, we placed fifth out of thirty teams in competition. And we took four athletes to the state meet. One, Gary Maitland, was state champ in the high jump.

"In track you really get to push your personal limits, but it is less intense in many ways than other sports. There is a less stressful environment for track events. In track, SSC tends to dominate our rivals. It is an excellent sport for a student to explore his talents. For example, a 7th grade student jumped for the first time and earned first place in the high jump at his first meet. This student never knew he had that talent until he acted on his interest in track. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase certain ability and to develop that ability."

Tennis stats

The SSC/OLA tennis team finished the season with a (6,5) record. The team won the District Tournament by the score of 11. Michael Carter won the Boy's Singles event, Scott Wallace and Phil Marino won the Boy's Double's event, and Garrett Mann and Sarah Carter won the Mixed Doubles event. At the State Tournament Scott Wallace and Phil Marino won the state title for the third time in a row, and Garrett Mann and Sarah Carter won Mixed

Doubles in state for the second year. As a result of this the SSC/OLA Tennis Team won the 4A State Championship for the second year in a row.

Other members of the SSC Tennis Team are: Drew Cranford, Padrick Dennis, Mylon Labat, Allen Leone, Kunal Patel, and Chris Williams.

The picture shown at the right shows the tennis team at the District Tournament in Diamondhead.



Golf stats

GOLF

1999 Division Champions

Season Match Record (11-1) Team

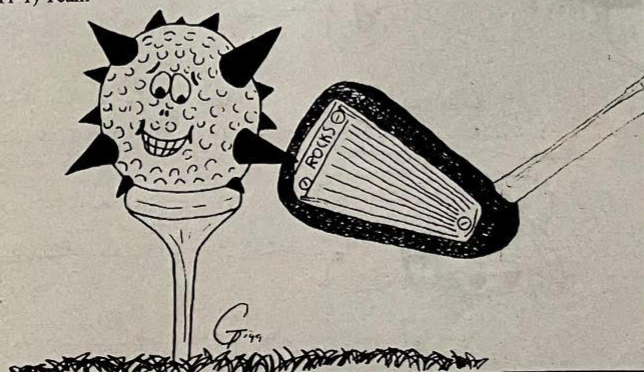
Members:

Michael Dauro - 12
Kyle Edrington - 12
Chris Genin - 12
Kyle Kidd - 12
Ryan Rupp - 12
Diego Alvarez - 11
Edward Flores - 11
John Carr - 10
Mario Gutierrez - 10
Kenny Jones - 10
Arthur Willis - 10
Brian Webb - 9
Jeremy Keller - 8

Season Highlights:

Defeated 5A Division
Champion Gulfport in
Dual Match

Won 18 Hole Tournament in Hattiesburg
Won Division Championship
Finished 9th in state



Drawing by Tyler Gallagher

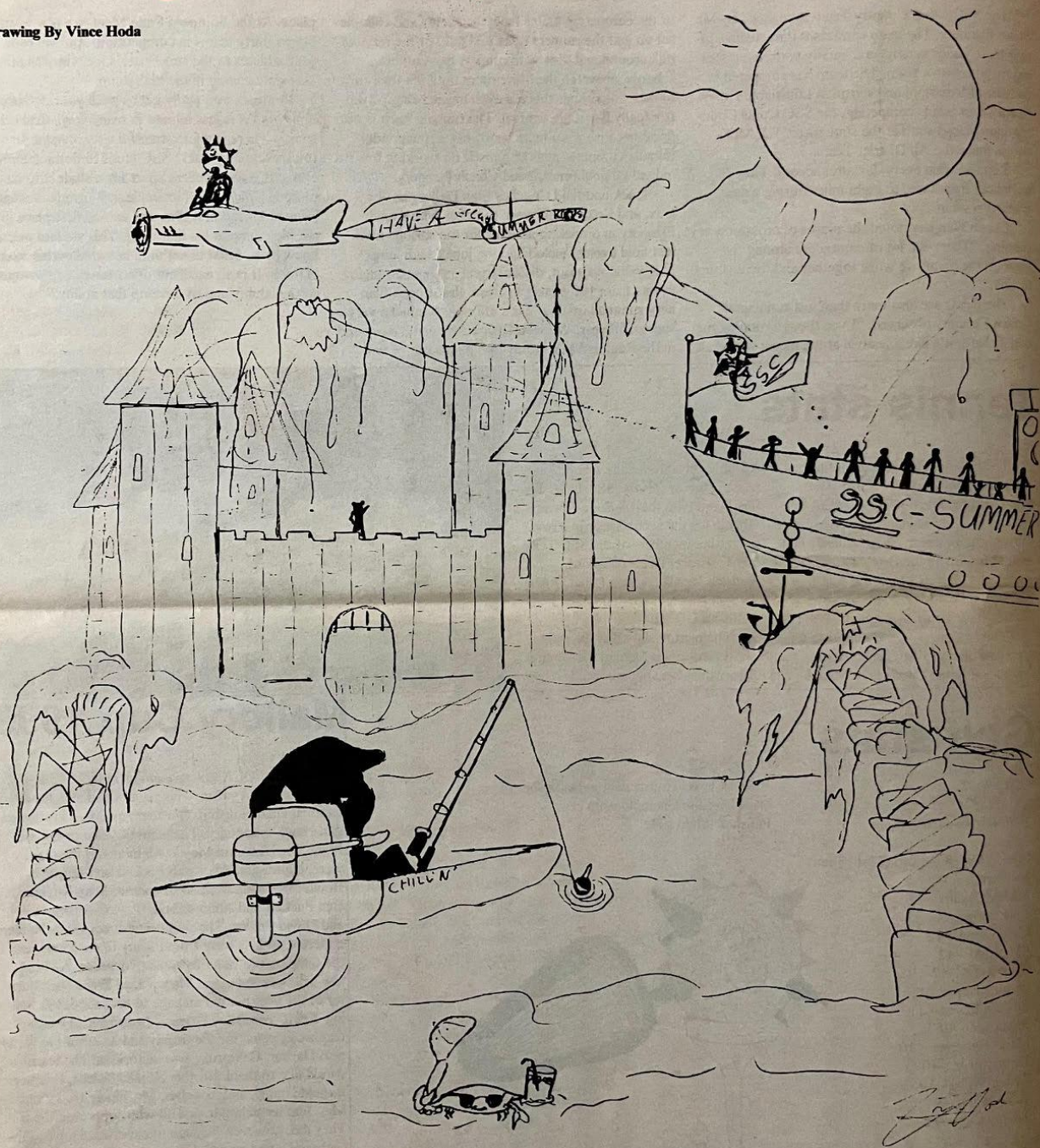
Mallory Cup 1999

By David Taylor

The SSC/OLA sailing team recently competed in the 1999 Mallory Cup. This regatta is the high school national championship. Our team qualified for this regatta back in January. The team traveled to Grosse Point, Michigan, on May 7. Members of the team were, eighth graders, Keith Puckett and Jeremy Boelte; freshman Melissa Chapaton, Sean Kozarak, Ben Puckett and Juniors Emily Taylor, Murray Keel, and David Taylor. The weather was not what the team expected. Winds were from twenty to ten knots, and the temperature was fifty to sixty degrees. A cloud also fell over our team. They placed in the back quarter of the fleet but did manage to beat the Jesuit Sailing Team, from New Orleans, Louisiana. Twenty teams competed for the trophy and a team from Newport Harbor, California, was victorious. The team would like to thank Brother Ronald Talbot, Brother Ronald Hingle, and coaches, Mr. Finely Hews and Mrs. Jeniffer Schmidt, and all who supported the trip. They did, however, manage to experience a bit of hypothermia, find a candidate for next year's swim team and learn how to unlock a car without using the keys. So, it was not a total loss. The team hopes to compete again next year and do better. Thanks again for all the support.

Have a great summer, SSC!

Drawing By Vince Hoda



Students take part in the fun at the annual Beach Bash.



Reeling them in! Brother Aubert Memorial fishing rodeo.

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SSC Homecoming Court: A pretty picture

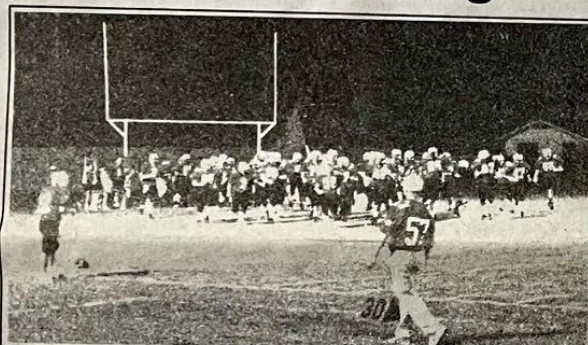


ST. STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAW

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SSC Homecoming Game, Rocks win 27-21!



The SSC Varsity Football Team takes the field at their Homecoming Game.

was nicely recovered by B.J. Peralta.

Then with explosions by Kris Cannon, the Rocks

The Warriors blocked a punt by the Rocks and a touchdown was scored by Oak Grove. Santiago was intercepted, and the score was 14-14 near the end of the half. Another touchdown was scored by SSC, and the Rocks took a 21-14 lead.

This was SSC's homecoming night and after a great performance by the SSC band, the five nominees for Homecoming Queen were presented to the crowd. They were Megan Pigott, Colleen May, Raemona Welder, Rachel Taylor, and Jessica Velazquez. Out of all of these lovely ladies, Raemona Welder of Our Lady Academy was crowned Queen.

In the third quarter, Peralta and Peterman of SSC put pressure on Oak Grove quarterback, Brian Page, and forced an incomplete pass on a third down.

The Warriors made some great plays, and soon the score was 21-21. The Rocks' Kris Cannon made some great running plays and scored another touchdown. The score was now 27-21, and it would remain that way until the end of the fourth quarter.

Homecoming was complete for the SSC Varsity Football Team, Coach Dave Kenson and his staff.

By Patrick Clark

The SSC Rock-A-Chaws fought off the Oak Grove Warriors for a 27-21 win. This game was rough but the Rocks fought for their win. The Rocks began the game with a pass from quarterback Jason Santiago to receiver, Steven Peterman, for a 7 yard gain. The Rocks defense was then able to hold the Warriors and force them to punt. SSC was hit with a mistake when they fumbled the ball on the punt.

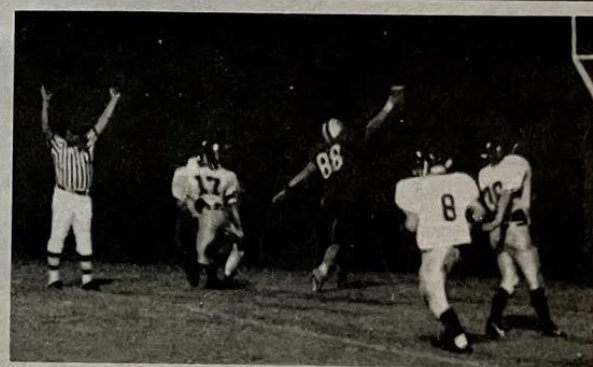
The Warriors had possession on the Rocks' 17 yard line and were waiting to score; however, on the next play Cameron Bryne forced a fumble, which

gained 18 and 26 yards. Then a pass from Santiago to Peterman had a ten yard gain, but another penalty stopped the SSC offense.

Rock players B.J. Peralta and Louis West made big plays. This defensive playing put the pressure on for the offense to make some big plays as well.

The Offensive Rocks then showed they could make big plays too, with a 42-yard run by Kris Cannon. Then in only two plays Santiago hit Willis for a 28-yard touchdown pass. The score was then 7-0.

The Warriors weren't able to get anywhere against the SSC offense on their next possession. It wasn't long before the score was 14-0, in favor of the Rocks.



Stephen Peterman scores a touchdown for SSC, but it is later called back due to a penalty.



Coast leaders meet with class of 2000



Guest speaker Father James Carter at the Senior Leadership Breakfast.

By Dawson McCall

On September 1st, the class of 2000 had the opportunity to meet with some of the outstanding leaders of our community and surrounding areas. The breakfast was attended by local business leaders, political representatives, and leaders in the Catholic Church. The guest speaker, Father James Carter, gave an eloquent speech on leadership, stating that trust is one of the key factors in being a leader.

According to Father Carter, having the trust of one's followers is equally as important as having trust in one's followers.

Along with a beautifully decorated background, which added to the respectability of the atmosphere, the senior class seemed intensely interested in the subject at

hand. "In a period of time in which leadership is being questioned around the world, the opportunity to meet and speak with some of the great successes of our community was a special and rewarding experience," said senior Todd Geary. Leadership is one of the major issues in the country at present. Hopefully the senior class of 2000 can lead this school into the Twenty- First Century with dignity, class, and pride.

Checkmate!

By John Sumner

Students get together Monday through Friday for open chess play after school with Wednesday being a private meeting with official members only. Players include Jason Nicotia, Michael Everhardt, Randy Henderson, Michael Gemelli, and Matthew Burke. Mr. Cherota is the moderator for the chess team. This picture



Students engaging in chess play.

depicts a few students working hard trying to outsmart their opponents.

Senior Ring Night 99' - 00'

By Todd Geary

On September 7, around 7:00 p.m., our seniors gathered at Our Lady of the Gulf Church to embark on one of their first special senior ceremonies of the year. It was not just an ordinary ceremony though, it was combined with a Mass led by Father Peter Mockler and former Stanislaus graduate Father Dennis Carver. Father Dennis

Carver and Brother Hingle both had given us their reflections on leadership. Their speeches were meaningful, well constructed, and had motivational points to them. After the Mass and leadership speeches, we were finally presented with our rings. Then the ceremony was concluded and we went to the Stanislaus Mall for the celebration.

Join the SSC Scuba Club

By Chase Behlen

On September 25th and 26th, the SSC Scuba Club took a trip to Florida where ten students received their Open Water Certifications. This added to the twelve from last school year who became certified. Included in club membership are students who were already certified before joining the club, and the membership is presently at twenty-five students.

Mr. Mike Schultz moderates the club. He stated plans for the divers. "Our intentions are to do about six weekend trips per year with perhaps a longer trip during spring break. On each trip, students will be able to work towards their Advanced Diver Certifications. There are five specialty dives in-

cluded in Advanced: Night, Deep, Navigation, Wreck, and Search and Recovery. By the end of the year, every student should have his Advanced Certification."

Destinations for the club are Destin, Panama City Beach, and possibly

Pensacola. The club will probably participate in an oil rig dive at some point, and this will most likely take place off the coast at Gulf Shores,

Alabama, or off the Louisiana coast.

Interested students may still join the club by contacting Mr. Schultz. Non-certified divers could receive certification by attending a class given by a local dive shop, and this would enable them to participate in working toward Advanced Certification.



Big Brother, Little Brother

By Garrett Mann

The Big Brother, Little Brother Ceremony is one of the most exciting events to occur during a senior year. Before anything happens, we are assigned our little brothers in an informal meeting in the gym. Later on that following week, we go to a ceremony that symbolizes unity in our community. Senior Todd Geary who will be attending The University of New Orleans says, "It is an honor to help influence somebody else's life." Geary has been a member of the St. Stanislaus Family for six years, and he called this event one of the most gratifying of the year. Senior Willie



Big and Little Brothers singing at their ceremony

Golden commented on the experience, "It was great being with those

little guys. I wish I could have three little brothers."

SSC growing with the completion of the new computer lab

By Guy Van Slyke and Patrick Burke

With the dawning of the 1999-2000 school year at SSC, there is talk of a new day: a new football team, new Internet access, phone lines and rumors of cable TV in the dorms, new cafeteria food, and the long waited new computer lab. During the past summer, the former AV room got a total make over. It has been converted into an up-to-date technology lab. The twenty-six new computers comprising the array of Power Macs found in the older computer lab and in the library. A tech lab is a necessity for any school to keep up with quickly changing technological advances, and this one has vastly expanded the use of computers for every student.

Before the new lab was established, students had to rely on the ten computers in the library for their computer needs, not too good for a school with a student body of over four hundred. Finally the days of having to fight to get a computer in the library and completely missing lunch in the process are over! Students can use the new computers before school, during lunch, during break, and after school.

The lab lets students access the Internet with more efficiency. The new computers are Pelican and run off of Microsoft's Windows. The Internet connection is made with a T-1 line, which connects all of the school. The Internet is navigated with both Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator; the computers

are also faster and full of useful programs. Students have more academic options such as extensive research possibilities and faster typed reports with accompanying printouts.

The Brothers appear to have really outdone themselves this time. The new computer lab is superb. It is a great asset for all of the students at SSC, especially the boarders.

SSC students speak out about the computers:

"I do not know much about computers, but I know that, for the price they paid, they could have gotten some faster computers." Trey Schorr, freshman

"One big plus about the computer lab is the addition of Mr. Laiche to the faculty at SSC. He keeps the computer lab clean of viruses and up and running." Patrick Clark, junior

"With the computer upgrade and with access to the Internet from all of the computers in the computer lab, SSC is clearly moving on in the interests and needs of the students." Chase Behlen, junior

"Every day at lunch, there would be a waiting list of ten to thirty students to use the computers in the library, and my name would be on that list. I am very pleased with the new computer lab." Derek Fogarty, freshman

"It seems that the school actually listened to students' requests and gave them a more up-to-date and user friendly operating system." David Billiot, senior

Fishing Rodeo 99'

By Blake Bilbo

I saw it was a beautifully cloudy morning on Saturday, September 25, as I walked down the long SSC pier for the annual Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo. Fishing rod, tackle box, and my lunch in my hands, I found out that sophomore Rick Marsh was the only student fisherman that had gotten there before me. As I looked out on the water, I was amazed to see a porpoise splashing around. Later more students began to gather. The fishing lines dropped in the water at 6:00 a. m., and very soon a wide variety of fish began to be hooked and caught. Speckled trout, white trout, black drum, ground mullet, red fish, robin fish, stingray, eels, and even oysters, had been reeled in. As the day rolled on the fishing started to get slower around noon and the sun popped out of the clouds. The most popular of the bait seemed to be the fresh frozen shrimp. Only at the last hour or so did the fishing start to get better. Finally at 3:00 the weights and sizes of the fish were tabulated and the winners were recognized:

- Ugliest fish - Michael Gemelli
- Biggest fish - Zack Delaney
- Heaviest total fish - Blake Bilbo (You don't think an expert fisherman like me would not get at least one of the places in this would you?)

So at the end of the rodeo, many people left to go home; others stayed and talked; still others kept on fishing. But no matter what, there are not many other things better in the world than carrying a big slimy bag of fish home from a hard day of fishing.

Coming soon...



Yes, another year has come around and that means it is time to play. Not really, though. The only playing being done will be by the cast members of this fall's drama production. It is an excerpt from *Cyrano De Bergerac* and is condensed into one act. Be on the lookout for bulletins giving information concerning the date and time of performance. Come and support SSC's acting elite.

A state of the art program

By Guy Van Slyke

Brother Anton informed the Rock-A-Chaw of innovative math work in Mr. Gemelli's classroom, and so I talked with Saint Stanislaus Geometry teacher Mr. Mike Gemelli on October 12, 1999. Most of my questions were centered around the math teacher's ideas of introducing technology into the classroom...

Question: Mr. Gemelli, how do you plan on bringing technology into the classroom starting in the year 2000?

Answer: We are going to do two things starting in the year 2000. First, in Geometry we are going to use Geometer's Sketch Pad, a computer program that allows us to figure area, angle measure, perimeter, and circumference. Second, in advanced math classes (such as Trig and Calculus), we plan on bringing PCs into the classroom in order to obtain access to mathematical web sites.

Question: Could you please share with us a little about these new Geometer's Sketch Pad we are hearing so much about?

Answer: It's a state of the art program that SSC purchased a site license to. This program allows any student to go into the computer lab and construct his own figures (such as triangles) and points of concurrency on his computer.

Question: Mr. Gemelli, your ACT prep courses have greatly helped many SSC students improve their Act scores and your Geometer's Sketch Pad promises to do great things. Tell us do you have any more tricks up your mathematical sleeve?

Answer: Well, right now in my Trig and Calculus classes, I am working on bringing in business leaders to show a practical, hands-on mathematical approach to starting a business. Also, we will be playing the stock market game over the Internet this year. Other states have done this in previous years, but it is the first time teams from Mississippi have been given the opportunity.

Football stats

1999 FOOTBALL STATISTICS - 7 Games OFFENSE

RUSHING				
PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
K. Cannon	132	965	7.3	9
J. Santiago	22	93	4.2	1
S. Benson	11	69	6.3	0
C. Byrne	4	14	3.5	0
B. Rayburn	1	6	6.0	0
D. Sofianos	4	5	1.3	0
J.R. Willis	1	1	1.0	0
B. Houch	3	-4	-1.3	0
A. Dunklin	3	-14	-4.7	0
Sacks	11	97	8.8	0
TOTALS	192	1043	5.4	10

RECEIVING				
PLAYER	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
J.R. Willis	26	364	10.2	2
A. Dunklin	16	331	20.7	4
B. Rayburn	12	239	21.6	2
S. Peterson	9	100	11.1	1
K. Cannon	6	101	16.8	0
C. Byrne	2	6	3.0	0
D. Kellum	1	19	19.0	0
I. Brown	1	17	17.0	0
TOTALS	73	1092	15.9	9

PASSING				
PLAYER	ATT	COMP	%	YDS
J. Santiago	134	73	54%	1092
				AVG
				TD
				INT
				LONG

SCORING				
PLAYER	TD	FG	SAF	FT
K. Cannon	9	0	0	1
A. Dunklin	4	0	0	0
C. Raymond	0	14	0	0
J.R. Willis	2	0	0	0
B. Rayburn	2	0	0	0
B. Lewis	1	0	0	0
D. Sofianos	1	0	0	0
S. Peterson	1	0	0	0
J. Santiago	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	21	14	0	1

K.O. RETURNS				
PLAYER	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
D. Sofianos	1	32	32.0	0
S. Benson	3	65	21.7	0
K. Cannon	6	114	19.0	0
J. McDonald	2	31	15.5	0
C. Byrne	2	27	13.5	0
B. Rayburn	1	5	5.0	0
A. Dunklin	1	0	0.0	0
TOTALS	17	275	16.2	0

1999 FOOTBALL STATISTICS - 7 Games DEFENSE

TACKLES				
PLAYER	Solo	Ass	Totals	
C. Byrne	36	64	100	
D. Sofianos	17	46	63	
B.J. Perala	12	34	46	
J. Brown	11	33	44	
S. Peterson	15	25	40	
H. Houch	11	27	38	
W. Golden	7	28	35	
G. Garcia	18	30	48	
B. Lewis	11	17	28	
M. Frost	6	21	27	
M. Thibodeaux	4	19	23	
H. Dawkins	7	12	19	
A. White	1	12	13	
A. Dunklin	3	9	12	
J. Ellis	2	5	7	
J. McDonald	2	4	6	
L. West	0	6	6	
J. Lewis	0	5	5	
D. Kellum	1	4	5	
S. Benson	2	1	3	
J. Rustle	2	1	3	
J. Santiago	2	0	2	
J.R. Willis	1	0	1	
A. Piazza	0	1	1	
McO'Neil	0	1	1	
T. Futch	0	1	1	
K. Syvalli	0	1	1	
R. Williamson	0	1	1	
TOTALS	167	395	562	

INTERCEPTIONS				
PLAYER	No.	Yds.	Ret.	TD
B. Lewis	1	57	1	0
D. Sofianos	1	17	0	0
B. Rayburn	1	11	0	0
H. Houch	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	5	85	1	0



Swimming stats

Sept. 8, Biloxi
High School:

Won 96-74

Sept. 15,

Gulfport High

School: Won

103-67

Sept. 22,

Harrison Central

High School:

Won 110-57

Oct. 2, Biloxi Invitational: 4th place

Oct. 6, Picayune Memorial High School: Lost 40-54

Pearl River Central High School: Won 77-12



Cross Country stats

Aug. 26	Ocean Springs Meet Gulf Islands Nat'l Seashore Ocean Springs, MS	4 p.m.
Aug. 28	Pascagoula Meet I.G. Levy Park Pascagoula, MS	9 a.m.
Sept. 4	Cross-Country Challenge Municipal Park Mobile, AL	4 p.m.
Sept. 11	Biloxi Meet Hiller Park Biloxi, MS	4th Place
Sept. 18	Gautier	7th Place
Sept. 25	SSC/OLA Meet Buccaneer State Park Waveland, MS	10th Place
Oct. 1	Mandeville	7th Place
Oct. 16	East Central Meet East Central H.S. Hurley, MS	9 a.m.
Oct. 23	District Meet (J.H.&J.V.) St. Martin H.S.	TBA
Oct. 30	District Meet (Varsity) St. Martin H.S.	9 a.m.
Nov. 6	State Championship Meet Choctaw Trails Clinton, MS	10 a.m.

Junior High Football stats

SSC vs. West Wortham—lost in double overtime 22-16

SSC vs. St. John—won 16-12

SSC vs. Pass Christian—won 14-12

SSC vs. Poplarville—won 15-12

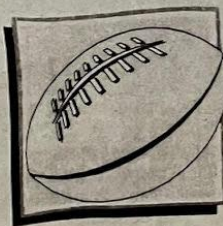
SSC vs. Bay High—won 22-0

SSC vs. North Woolmarket—won 43-0

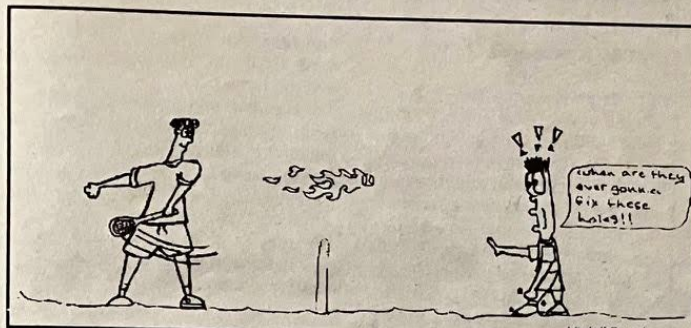
Current record stands at 5 wins and 1 loss

Upcoming Games

Mercy Cross away Oct. 25



Major disasters on uncovered courts



By Garrett Mann and Kunal Patel

For the past some years, S.S.C./OLA tennis players have had to suffer by playing matches on courts

that are hazardous to one's physical wellness, especially to someone's ankle. Most of the time when the ball hits a crack it will either bounce up about six to seven feet or skim

the ground allowing the player to miss the ball. Senior Varsity team member Garrett Mann recalls, "I remember running after a ball that was lobbed over my head and when I thought it was mine, it hit a crack and bounced back and hit me. We lost that game. It was ridiculous!" You may think that it is funny, but what happens when the ball dies and someone steps on it running full speed? In my own personal experiences I have lost too many points because of the craters in the courts. But playing on these courts has its advantages as well. S.S.C./OLA are not the only teams playing on the court. There is always an opponent on the other

side. The students have taken questionnaires about our facilities, and I know there were proposals to improve the tennis courts. Nobody that I knew wanted an indoor track, a high rise complex so spectators may watch a ball game from the sky, and that is maybe what the school has in mind. Improvements on the tennis courts, as well as better maintenance for the swimming pool are needed. I think and I believe that I speak for the majority of the students and parents that safety comes before pleasure."

George W. Bush

By Derek Fogarty

Of all the potential candidates for President of the United States, George W. Bush is the best man for the job. George W. Bush was born in Midland, Texas, on July 6, 1946. He married Laura Welch, a librarian who grew up in Midland in 1977. Bush has two daughters, Jenna and Barbara both 16. They live with their dog Spot and two cats, India and Cowboy. Bush is Methodist and has served on many charitable, business, and civic organizations. He served in the Texas Air National Guard; he was an F-102 fighter pilot from 1968-1973.

Bush's views on crimes are logical and tough. Bush created a ministry program for criminal rehabilitation. It's a twenty four hours a day Bible and value based pre-release program aimed at helping inmates attain a spiritual and moral transformation. It begins twelve to eighteen months post release after care to reintegrate inmates back into society. Volunteer church mentors will work with inmates to readjust and to keep them on the straight and narrow by knocking previous habits and friendships. Bush supports capital punishment for violent criminals who commit severe crimes. We must send a strong message that the consequences of violent criminal behavior will be swift and sure. Sadly enough some criminals are beyond rehabilitation.

Bush's campaign is accusing Vice president Al Gore of making a political issue out of the shootings in Texas. At a school library in Santa Monica, California, Gore took issue with Bush's belief that more gun control laws could not have stopped the gunman from killing seven peo-

ple at a Fort Worth church. "How can you allow guns in church?" Gore said.

"I think American people are tired of politics trying to politicize every tragedy," Bush's campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker countered. Bush has said, "A wave of evil-not a lack of gun control laws has caused rampant gun violence in America." "I don't know of a law-a governmental law-that will put love in people's hearts," the Texas governor told reporters at a news conference. Bush said "It's hard to explain how hatred lurks in somebody's heart to the point where he walks into a church where children and adults were seeking God's guidance and shoots them." "There indeed seems to be a wave of evil passing through America now. We as a society can pass laws and hold people accountable for the decisions they make, but our hopes and prayers have got to be that there is more love in society," he said.

Bush opposes abortion and would support a constitutional amendment making it illegal to perform an abortion procedure except in the case of rape, incest, and when the life of the woman is in jeopardy. Bush believes what I believe and what most people with morals believe that life is valuable no matter how much it is unwanted, or physically imperfect. I believe our society has the responsibility to defend the weak and the struggling.

In my editorial I touched upon a few of Bush's views. There are many more out there that I did not touch on and are equally as important and should not be overlooked. Bush, like all, has some down sides, but the up sides far exceed them.

Has prayer lost its meaning at SSC?

By: Patrick Clark

Every morning here at SSC we begin the day with a prayer, but how many of us actually listen to the prayer? It seems that saying this morning prayer and saying prayer before every class period have become chores that get in the way of more important things. In some classes prayer is forgotten about, and class just begins. In today's society, prayer in schools is a very touchy issue, but here at SSC we are free to pray without having to worry about persecution. So, why has it become a boring task we suffer through every hour?

Many of the prayers found in the prayer book come off as being really complicated and seem as if they are aimed over the heads of the students. I find that sometimes these prayers sound very bombastic, like poetry with no meaning.

Though all of the blame can not be put on prayer writers and the prayer book. If students really want to pray, they can pray anytime. When we say prayer every period, it tends to lose its meaning for many students. "It just doesn't mean anything," said Chase Behlen, a new student at SSC. Other students feel that they are just read at the wrong time, such as Garrett Mann who said, "Maybe prayers could be read during the middle of the day instead of first thing in the morning. It just isn't what you want to hear first thing in the morning." Though all students and faculty may not agree with Garrett's statement, it implies a need for a thoughtful look at this question.

I feel that teachers should try and put more emphasis on the prayer before each period. We should remember that one should not just read the prayer, but he should pray the prayer.

It's about a good teacher

By Todd Geary

Many teachers have special qualities that we appreciate and make them special to us, but one who stands out most to me is Ms. Richard. Ms. Richard's Drama and Speech classes incorporate a person's creativity with the knowledge and the discipline to develop it. In Ms. Richard's class, there are no feelings of inferiority or dislike between the students and the teacher, which makes students enthusiastic and interested in whatever we are studying.

Senior John Sumner said "Ms. Richard's class is very educational and in the long-run it will aid my efforts to become a famous actor in Hollywood." Another Senior T.J.

McKeough said, "I liked Ms. Richard's class when D'mitri made Greek food." In Ms. Richard's class we get an even mixture of structured teaching with the freedom to experiment.

In Drama class Ms. Richard has taught us the improvisation processes, the theatre principles, and the story telling process. To get a better understanding of these aspects of Drama, Ms. Richard does exercises like giving us a random situation to improvise in, use the principles of theatre in plays, and create and act out stories. Overall, Ms. Richard has a great class that I would recommend.

Math Counts

By SSC Newspaper Staff

Do you like to solve long mind-boggling problems? Then I believe that you might want to join Math Counts. This is an organization for seventh and eighth graders who celebrate their appreciation for math. Brother Ronald Talbot, who has been the moderator of the group for the past two years, still teaches this organization. Eighth grader Andrew Waterman gave a comment to the paper. "It is a good experience because it makes you think more than you intend to." The team will compete in the district chapter during the spring. The Math Counts team is an excellent or-

ganization for those who like to think. So if you are interested, join the fun!

Current members of the team are Devin Besancon, Tyler Gallagher, Robert Goggins, Heath Hansell, Alyssa Jung, Ashley Lady, Candace Mixon, Amanda Monti, Courtney Schade, Tess Sison, Erin Stechmann, Lauren Veach, Andrew Waterman, and Parker Wishik.

Key Club update Honor Societies

By John Sumner

I recently had an opportunity to speak with senior and President of Key Club, Won Cho. Mr. Cho informed me about Key Club and all of their upcoming events that they have planned for this year at SSC.

John Sumner: What exactly is "Key Club?"

Won Cho: It is the International High School Service Organization. The one we work with is the largest in the world.

JS: What activities do you have planned for the future?

WC: Well, there is "Penny Power." This is where each individual class tries to get the most amount of pennies in their class jar. The other main activity is know as the "Ox Fest." This will be a dancing and DJ competition amongst the students.

JS: How would someone get involved in Key Club?

WC: Well, you go to our meetings on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Then you will have to pay a fee of \$10 and must have at least 15 hours of service.

JS: Last question, do you think Key Club will be a memorable experience for you?

WC: Yes, I enjoy it very much.

Other current Key Club officers are: Joseph Diggs, Vice President and Gary Leung, secretary. Brother David Landry and Mrs. Cynthia Clark co-moderate the club. Membership is still open.

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It's a sixth grade life

By Blake Bilbo

Finding the sixth grade classroom is a bit of a journey. I volunteered to interview the sixth grade for the first edition of the Rock-A-Chaw, and so on a Monday morning I found myself trekking over to the glass doors next to the library where the sixth grade classroom is located. Mrs. Carol Gordon greeted me as I entered the spacious room with green carpet. She introduced me to the class of thirteen students. I directed my questions to them.

"Did you feel comfortable on the first day of school at SSC?"

"Yes," replied Shane who came here during summer camp. "I thought it would be fun," he added.

"As a class, are you planning anything big this school year?"

"We are going to do Hands-on-History, where we make Native American surroundings with twigs, sticks, clay, and stuff," Josh said enthusiastically.

"Did any of you ever have trouble finding your way around school?"

"Yeah," answered Chris, "the first couple of days I had trouble finding my way around. This is a big place."

"What's it like to be the youngest guys on campus?"

"Sometimes it feels like we're in kindergarten," said Daniel.

"The older guys sometimes stick up for you" added Bobby, "but at breakfast and lunch they push us

out of the way."

"I like being little because I don't have to change rooms and we had the nicest room," said Daniel.

"In science class, we have our own lab right here in our room," said Bobby with a smile.

"How about life in the dorms, guys?"

"Well," started Shane, "we have house rules, and

"Math and Lunch," voiced Austin, "when we have hamburgers."

"Is the class planning to read any interesting books?"

"Yes, answered Mrs. Gordon, "we have completed Castle in the Attic and are presently reading My Side of the Mountain; After Christmas we will

study Greek Mythology."

Before I left the sixth grade, a few members of the class wanted to make some anonymous comments and requests:

"This school is pretty cool!"

"I like the new lunches."

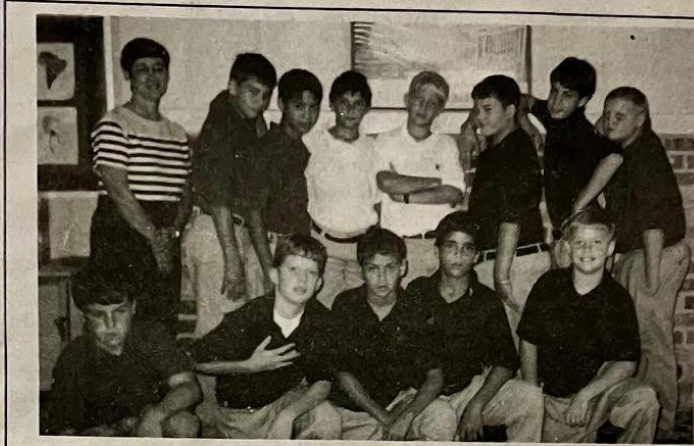
"We should be able to wear dress shorts."

"The uniforms aren't bad."

"I hate when I throw my candy around, and the prefects take it away."

Overall, the students were very polite and were not at all shy about being interviewed. Some of the students are from other states like Georgia and Florida and Danilo comes from the Dominican Republic. They all seem to get along well as a class, and as I left the room, I noticed how much of a good time I had spent with the kids.

They behaved well, and I was surprised how much they wanted to go into journalism in future SSC school years. They were truly "little men of character."



Pictured are Mrs. Carol Gordon and members of the sixth grade class.

the prefects are like our parents and they try to take care of us. We can have our own television sets, fishing rods, and skate boards."

"What are your favorite subjects?"

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Serving SSC: Brother Joseph Donovan

By Keith Crawford

When I arrived at the dorm for my interview with Brother Joseph, he greeted me with a firm handshake and a smile. He was kind enough to give his time, and he answered my questions in a humble and straightforward manner. I decided to ask him first about becoming a Brother of the Sacred Heart.

"When did you decide to become a brother?"

"I guess that happened sometime in the sixth grade. I really liked the Brothers teaching me. They were really nice guys. Then when my brother left, that's when I really decided to join."

"Why did you decide to become a Brother?"

"I enjoyed what they were do-

ing."

"How long have you worked here?"

"I think this is my thirty-fifth year on the coast. I was once told that if the school had to pay one for all he does here, the school would be bankrupt."

"Brother, what are the jobs you have had here over the thirty-five years?"

"I have had them all, but I have not been a school president or vice-president."

"What jobs do you currently do?"

"I am the prefect for the seniors and I assist with academics."

"What do you like best about your job?"

"Dealing with the kids. It's fun interacting with kids. It's often the adults that are the difficult part."

"What is the most interesting or funny thing you can remember?"

"How dare you ask me a question like that! I can't really give specifics, but it's the stories that the kids tell when they are in trouble."

"What plans do you have for the future?"

"Whatever my Provincial tells me, I will do. I had thought of taking up nursing to help the older Brothers, but as I get older, that would be harder to do."

Brother Joseph and I concluded our interview, and I noted that he had not said a great deal about himself. He is a man who greatly impresses people, though. Here are some thoughts about him from people who work with him and know him well. Brother Chris said, "In the ten years that I have known Brother Joseph, I have learned a lot

about how to teach kids lessons in life. His thirty-five years of experience is invaluable in the dorm where other prefects learn from him how to demand the best of the students. Practically every school year, former students come back to visit Brother Joseph. They enjoy sharing with him how their lives are going. This shows the great respect they have for him."

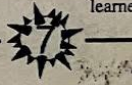
SSC President Brother Ronald Talbot called Brother Joseph the "Iron Man." "He is consistent and multi-talented. He has an ability to relate to kids over many years."

Ms. Kathie Marrione, secretary to Brother Ronald Talbot, offered her thoughts. "Brother Joseph's strength is tempered with a wonderful sensitivity. All you have to do is see him

dealing with the boys; there's strength there and caring."

Principal Brother Ronald Hingle noted, "Brother Joseph is certainly a man who inspires me to be of complete service to our students. He's an inspiration and a model for me in many ways. He's also extremely gifted and talented. I don't know if there's anything Brother Joseph can't do."

Mrs. Ann Holder, a most familiar face here at SSC, said, "I worked with Brother Joseph for five years when he was the school disciplinarian. I consider him St. Stanislaus; he is St. Stanislaus. He is one of the finest individuals I've ever had the privilege of working with and knowing."



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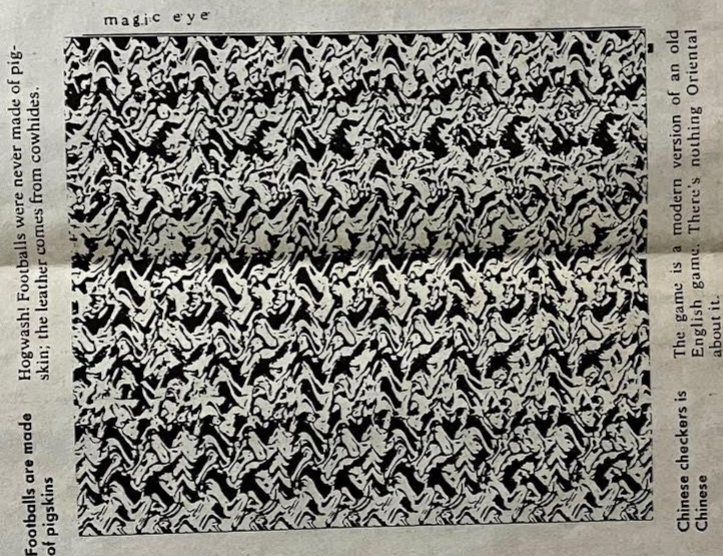
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Hogwash! Footballs were never made of pig-skin; the leather comes from cowhides.

Footballers are made of pigskins

The game is a modern version of an old English game. There's nothing Oriental about it.

Chinese checkers is Chinese

Oldest cake

The world's oldest cake is more than 4,000 years old. It was baked in ancient Egypt.

Walking at work

The ten occupations that require the most walking on the job are:

- police officer ■ postal worker ■ TV reporter
- nurse ■ doctor ■ store clerk
- secretary ■ actor ■ public relations ex
- real estate agent

Litter

Cigarette butts are the most common type of litter. Chewing gum is another common type of litter and is illegal in Singapore.

Fireflies are flies

Dancing lights on summer evenings are caused by the well-known firefly. What isn't so well known is that fireflies are beetles, not flies. Beetles are easily distinguished from flies by their hardened front wings. They also have a second pair of wings that folds under the front pair, when not in use. Insects classified as flies have only one pair of wings.

All bees and wasps die after stinging

Honeybees die after their barbed stingers catch in the victim's skin and break off. However, many kinds of bees and wasps can sting more than once and not hurt themselves. Only female bees and wasps sting.

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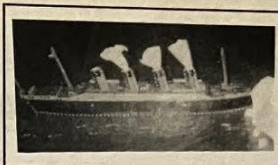
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St. Stanislaus hosts A.C.E.

By: Keith Crawford

On December 4th students from schools along the Gulf Coast gathered at St. Stanislaus for a special competition. The students were top academic achievers in grades fifth, sixth, and seventh. Begun in 1990, A.C.E. has grown to include every county in South Mississippi, and every elementary school sent representatives. All the students received certificates that recognized their achievements, and the thirty-six winners each received trophies. This year's theme was celebrating the Gulf Coast's finest young minds. I had a chance to interview Mr. Gemelli, coordinator for A.C.E., and he was very polite and helpful.

"What exactly is A.C.E.?"

"The Academic Competition for Excellence. It was started in 1990 by Bro. Montero, S.C., to honor the coast's brightest students from each school."

"How many schools participated?"

"Fifty-eight schools from every county in South Mississippi."

"What activities are there at the competition?"

"We try to make it fun for 558 participants in grades 5, 6, 7. Last year we had hot air balloons and Brother Lee's magic show. This year we had pennants, and each school had its name on a pennant. After the competition we had a picnic lunch in the Diboll Plaza, and trophies were handed out for the students who placed first, second, and third in each category."

"What are the categories?"

"Math, Science, English, Social Studies."

"How did it go?"

"Excellent! We had some weather worries, but it did not rain."

"Who finished notably?"

"There is a list of winners."

"What happens afterwards?"

"Trophies are awarded. The gym is

filled with the top two students of each subject. The National Honor Society and the Key Club helped with A.C.E. They helped with lunch, clean up and issuing tee-shirts."

"How well do you think this year's A.C.E. went?"

"Effortlessly, thanks to the help of our staff who gave up their Saturday to assist with A.C.E."



Mrs. Terry Carr speaks with participants of A.C.E.

Winners of the A.C.E. competition in the fifth grade:

English winners:

3rd place Jennifer Wong from Bay Catholic

2nd place Dale Meitzler from Roseland Elementary

1st place Brittni Hardin from West Side Elementary

Math winners:

3rd place Caroline McCormick from Eastlawn Elementary

2nd place Crystal Fowler from Woolmarket Elementary

1st place Aaron Fowler from North Woolmarket

Science winners:

3rd place Katie Acosta from Resurrection Catholic

2nd place Michael Acquah from St. John Elementary

1st place Gabe McLendon from North Woolmarket

Social Studies winners:

3rd place Jacob Stone from St. John

2nd place Taylor Clark from Bayou View Elementary

Lady of Fatima

Science winners:

3rd Paul Keith from Bay Middle School

2nd Alisha Weston from Popp's Ferry Elementary

1st Guy Stricklin from Trent Lott Middle School

Social Studies winners:

3rd place Matthew Planchard from St. Paul School

2nd place Kyle Moore from Sacred Heart Hattiesburg

1st Mary Maher from St. James Elementary

The seventh grade winners are:

English winners:

3rd place Katie Beech from Pearl River Central Jr. High

2nd place Chris Livingston from St. Martin Middle

1st place Elissa Kerqosien from Our Lady Academy

Math winners:

3rd place David Hamilton from Moss Point Ed Mayo Jr. High

2nd place Moss Point Magnolia Jr. High

1st place Nanumo Park from Ocean Springs Middle

Science winners:

3rd place Austyn Hawkins from Mercy Cross High

2nd Adam Blakeney from Cedar Lake Christian

1st place Justin Poelma from St. Martin Middle

Social Studies:

3rd place David Jackson from Sacred Heart Hattiesburg

2nd place Michael McDermott from Mercy Cross

1st place Joey Wilkerson from St. Martin Middle

Congratulations to all those who were chosen to represent their schools!



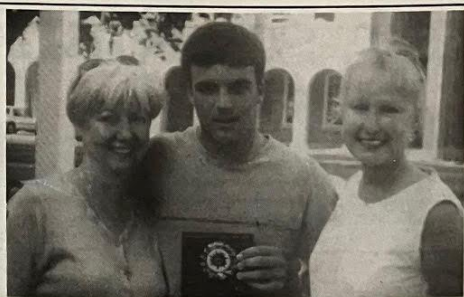
One for the nose Academic Assistance

By David Billiot

The cast members of "Cyrano De Bergerac" stood behind the stage anxiously awaiting their cue. That was at SSC on Monday, December 6th. The cast later performed at USM for the annual Southern Mississippi High School Drama Festival on Friday, December 10th. This interpretation of the Edmond Rostand play is a condensed five act version of the drama dealing with the 17th Century character, played by Dustin Tasker, who falls in love with a beautiful young woman, Roxanne, played by Mary Ladner. The only problem for Cyrano is the fact that he has a rather large nose, and that Roxanne has taken a liking to a new, handsome recruit named Christian, played by T.J. McKeough. The plot of the story is that Cyrano and Christian end up using both of their talents together to win over the heart of Roxanne.

Everyone involved performed to the full extent of his or her ability. All congratulations go to Roxanne McCullough, who played the part of Mother Margaret. She was awarded with the honor of "All-Star Cast." Everyone involved in our production worked to make the show perfect. Director Mrs. Terry Carr and the cast and crew were working constantly to get props ready and in place, make sure the music was on time, have everyone dressed to go on stage, and make the best of this occasion. The SSC/OLA duo showed their skill and talent in Hattiesburg and came out with a new experience and many memories under their belt.

On Wednesday, December 15th, the play was performed for SSC and OLA. It was enjoyed by all. Bravo, Bergerac!



Pictured are Mrs. Clark, student Charles Reymond, and Mrs. Simpson.

By Todd Geary and Garret Mann

The academic assistance program was created five years ago in order to help students with learning difficulties such as ADD, ADHD, and other similar problems. The program teaches study skills, and offers help in certain subjects. Forty students are in Academic assis-

tance and six out of eight are on Honor Roll. With the help of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Simpson, eight out of ten students leave academic assistance every year.

The academic assistance program is geared to be fun and entertaining while at the same time educational. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Simpson have activities such as B-B-Qs, pool parties, movies, hockey

games, cooking at home, and other motivational activities. Friday the tenth the academic assistance had a special Christmas lunch.

An average day of class in academic assistance usually includes practicing study skills, studying for other classes, and group studying.

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Hope to see you in the next edition!

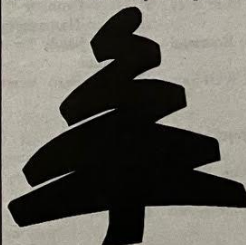
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SSC/F.C.A. Chapter

- Was established in 1995 by Coach Del-lenger
- Has been an active Chapter for St. Stanislaus for five years
- Membership has been from 40-50 members
- Major projects:
 - 1.) Thanksgiving Family Sponsorship
 - 2.) Christmas Family Sponsorship
 - 3.) Easter Family Sponsorship

Lettering System

- Each member is given a F.C.A. award for their services and years spent in the club.



Student Council

Every year the student council sponsors several needy families. They get every homeroom to donate a Thanksgiving basket with a gift certificate for a turkey in each. When donations are collected, they are given to the families, with the left over food going to St. Paul's Thanksgiving food drive with a \$50.00 cash donation. A donation of \$100 to St. Annes Mission in Arizona was also made. Student council president Neil Norton says, "It's a very worthy cause. It helps many families have a Thanksgiving that might not have been possible." This year a total of twelve baskets were collected.

Treading in international waters

By: John Sumner

When students walk the corridors of SSC, countries intermingle. Over the years at SSC, there have been many students from around the world. St. Stanislaus has been and continues to be the school of choice for young men from countries as far away as Egypt and Japan. The international exchange is an enriching experience for everyone.

What motivates these world travelers to find themselves in a Catholic boarding school overlooking picturesque Bay St. Louis? They choose St. Stanislaus for many reasons: the Catholic religious education, the boarding school, and the opportunity to learn English in an American school. Whatever the reason or reasons, these students offer opportunities to their American classmates to discover more about them and their countries.

Many of our international students are from Central and South America. Luis Duhart Urquidi is a 7th grade student with many talents, including a wonderful singing voice. In Mexico, he has released CDs, which are very popular. Juan Hernaiz Bravo, Jorge Leal Carcamo, and Juan Portilla Moreno are also 7th grade students from Mexico.

Eighth grade Central and South American students Juan Borrego Trevino, Adrian Galvan Valdez, Carlos Garcia-Urbe, Jaime Obando III, Josue Reynoso Franco, and Jacobo Zertuche Cedillo all have come to St. Stanislaus after hearing about the school from family friends whose sons have attended SSC. Josue and Carlos both agree that the best place to enjoy tacos is Mexico.

Jose Chavez Rodas, Luis Niembro Alvarez, Teddy Plocharski, and David Valdez are freshmen students from countries south of the border. Freshman Timothy Sergon comes to SSC from Stockholm, Sweden.

International sophomores Jean Gustave Afrika and Brice Monu traveled to SSC from the Ivory Coast in Africa. Both

speak fluent French, their country's native language. Sophomore Daniel Morales is a citizen of Guatemala. Teddy Plocharski, also from Guatemala, says he attends St. Stanislaus because it's a family tradition. "All of men in my family have gone to Stanislaus. Teddy likes the sports and the teachers. "The brothers are really cool; they help you to pull up your grades."

Eighth grade student, Marc Belizaire, comes from Antigua Island in the Caribbean. His parents located the school on the internet. "I plan on returning next year," said Marc whose favorite athletic activities are

the pluses of an American education.

Senior Won Cho's home is Seoul, South Korea. He came here for a better education. "I have more opportunities back home if I attend St. Stanislaus and go on to college in America. Another twelfth grade student, Helder Iombo came to St. Stanislaus to learn English.

Junior Mario Gutierrez said his parents chose SSC for him. Upon graduation, Mario plans to attend the University of Monterrey in Mexico. Last school year, Mario distinguished himself as one of our international students prominent in our football program.

Eleventh grade student, Chinedum Anusionwu, resides in Nigeria, West Africa. His uncle heard about St. Stanislaus, and now Chinedum studies here. Senior Jean Guy Afrika from the Ivory Coast enjoys playing basketball for SSC, and taking courses such as accounting and personal finance. He feels St. Stanislaus is preparing him well for his future. Beteta Dilukila is a sophomore from the Republic of Congo, formerly called Zaire in Africa.

Three brothers are SSC students. The Balaguer brothers live in the Dominican Republic, where baseball is a national past time. Just ask Sammy Sosa. Junior Joaquin, sophomore Rodolfo, and sixth grade student Danielo, dominate the international student roster with the most students from one family in attendance.

These are most of our international students, and they expressed interest in appearing in our feature about them. St. Stanislaus is pleased to be a second home and family to these young men as they venture far from their native lands. They enrich all here who come to know them, and we are grateful for their presence.



water sports. Ryan Dumas is also in the eighth grade, and his home is in Sagami-hara, mainland Japan. Ryan noted his homeland is twenty-five miles from Tokyo, but it takes two hours to get to Tokyo due to the excessive traffic. He says all Japanese people are very polite, and his favorite Japanese food is Yakisoba, a noodles, meat, and vegetable dish coated with a delicious teriyaki sauce.

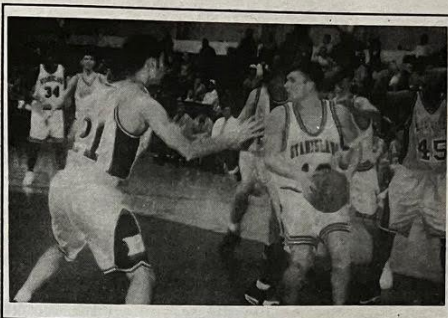
Seniors Luchar Mekarporn and Chong Ngow are from Thailand. Luchar lives in Samut Songkhro although he was born in Bangkok. His uncle decided St. Stanislaus would be a good choice for Luchar. "But," Luchar adds, "I still miss all of my friends back home." Chong Ngow's home is Bangkok, and he came here to speak better English and to have the opportunity to get a better job back home after

SSC basketball – the tradition continues

By: Dawson McCall

The SSC Basketball team is once again off to a great start to their season. After starting the year 4-2, with losses to Gulfport High and St. Thomas More of Lafayette, the Rocks have won seven games in a row, becoming the first team on the coast to tally eleven wins.

After three wins in the County Tournament to open the year, the Rocks traveled to B. Frank Brown Gymnasium in Gulfport, to take on the Admirals. The Admirals came out of the gates fast and never looked back. The final score yielding the Rocks a seven point loss. However, the Rocks bounced back, beating division rival Petal at home to open the division season with a win. The team then traveled to Lafayette to take on the third ranked team in Louisiana, St. Thomas More High School. The Rocks came out with an emotional first quarter, stunning the home team by taking a six point advantage. However, the Boys in Black and Red could not hold off the attack



Jason Santiago searching for an opening.

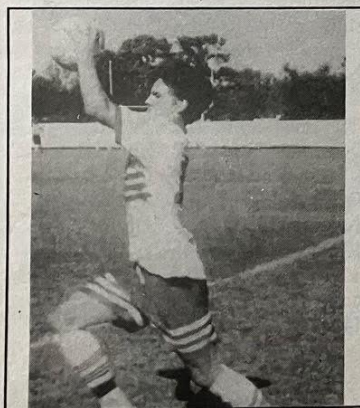
from St. Thomas More, and eventually lost the contest. The Rock-A-Chaws were enraged by the loss, and have responded with a seven game winning streak, netting wins against defending division champ Picayune and perennial state power West Jones High School in Laurel, MS.

After an embarrassing shooting performance

at St. Thomas More, in which the Rocks shot only 13 for 58 from the field, the team has responded by becoming a threat from the outside. Leading the way from the perimeter are guards Brandon Arcement Jason Santiago, and Grady "J.R." Willis and forward Zeke Davis, while Stephen Peterman holds down the fort in the paint, with a 20.3 points per game average.

With the Rocks on a roll and getting better every day, coach Jay Ladner says that it is time for the team to make a "rankings run". It seems as though our athletic teams have to accomplish much more in order to gain respect statewide. All I have to do is point to the fact that the basketball team was 26-2 last year before they broke into the state rankings, while other teams were enjoying these honors with six or seven losses on the season. With the Rocks leading the way on the coast with eleven wins, how long will it take for the sportswriters in Jackson, and in other parts of the state, to recognize the accomplishments of the team on the court?

The drive for a state championship continues for SSC soccer



Rimmer Covington throws the ball into play.

By: Kenny Harshbarger

The Stanislaus Soccer Team has a tradition of winning soccer games. As a senior player on the soc-

cer team, there is a lot of pressure to win games. So far this season the soccer team has done just that; win soccer games. We have won these games with a very young team, and a very small bench. But the players we have have played hard and the hard work has paid off. We have won 10 out of 11 games in the first half of the season.

I fear only one thing, the second half of the season; not Oak Grove, Madison Central, or Clinton, but I fear complacency on the part of us players. If we can play the second half of the season with inspiration and fire, then we can beat any team in the state. Our goal for the season is to win the state championship. That goal is on our minds in the mornings when we shower, at night when we brush our teeth and at soccer practice. We will not rest until we win the class 4-A state championship.

Cross Country



Pictured here is the Cross Country Team resting on a hot day.

—Members of the Varsity Team are Kyle Lewis, Christian Nemes, Nick Benvenuti, Gary Leung, Neil Norton, Allen Leone, Dustin Tasker, and Blair Neal.

—Members of the Junior Varsity Team are Thomas Collins and John Waterman.

—Members of the Junior High Team are Cody Cannon, Aaron Baxter, Bobby Nilson, Tony Echsvapria, Robert Goggins, Rodney Goodson, and Christian Walter.

Varsity Stats

—Seniors Christian Nemes and Neil Norton were co-captains.

—Kyle Lewis placed first in the District Competition and finished 10th in state.

—Christian Nemes placed 20th in state.

—The Varsity Team finished 2nd in district. Kyle Lewis, Christian Nemes, Neil Norton, Gary Leung, and Allen Leone all earned All-District Honors.

—The team also placed 5th in state.

—131 members from 25 teams competed in the State Competition.

Junior High

—Cody Cannon placed 10th in District.

—The team finished 5th out of 10 teams.

We need a leader, not just a president

By Dawson McCall

Basketball star, senator, and now presidential candidate, Bill Bradley has led a life of accomplishment and intensity. He has now introduced his homegrown view of the American Dream to the public. Bradley has a vision of America as being a "land of endless possibilities" for all people. "To me, the American Dream is not just for the lucky among us," Bradley told supporters at a rally at Crystal City High School. "It is not just an ideal to wish on. It should be a possibility available to all."

While stressing the themes of racial unity, health care for children, and stronger schools, Bradley feels that the economic boom has left many people behind, citing that personal debts are up, one out of five children lives in poverty, and over 45 million Americans lack health care.

Bradley acknowledges the fact that most Americans are "fed up" with national politics. However, he says that his campaign is a far

cry from politics as usual. "Yes, the American people have a right to be skeptical," he says. "But I have a right to change that by Election Day we will be choosing between two people we esteem, not the candidate we can still tolerate." Bradley also has said that, "we need a new kind of leadership, a leadership that puts the people front and center."

However, while Bradley rallies for his beliefs on the American Dream, 43% of Americans feel that it has become "almost impossible" to achieve this dream, according to those polled.

This fact causes an alarming realization that the morale in this country is in need of an enormous makeover. Sure, the president has a lot to do with the successes and failures of our country, but the president is still only one man. There is only so much that one man can do.

With most of the debates

and discussions about the government focused on problems such as Medicare, the national budget, and so on, I think that we often forget that this country is in place for the people. Yet, without faith, support, and hard work, the problems we are facing will only worsen with time.

I believe that Bill Bradley is the leader that we need in order to rally this country. Some say that it should be Al Gore. Yet a recent poll taken shows that 63% of Americans believe Al Gore to be a poor leader. A leader cannot lead unless he has the backing of his followers. It is clear that Al Gore does not have this backing. Bill Bradley has proven that he has the ability to be a leader. Bradley has the confidence instilled in him to lead us into the 21st Century. Most of all, however, Bill Bradley is solely interested in the successes of this country. This is the single aspect that a leader of the United States must exude.

The Blair Witch Review

By T.J. McKeough

I found "The Blair Witch Project" to be a very good movie. It was about three student filmmakers who went into the woods to shoot a documentary. They disappeared. Years later their footage was recovered. It showed that while shooting the documentary they were being stalked and harassed by some unseen terror. It eventually killed them. The movie had three characters: Josh, Mike, and Heather. At the beginning of the movie they have a real sense of camaraderie, but when all the weird happenings start to occur and they get lost in the woods, they start fighting. I won't give away the rest of the movie. The setting is mainly in the woods. There are some trees, some more trees, leaves, grass, more leaves, more grass, a stream, some rocks, a cabin, and some more trees with leaves on them.

I found the movie to be very well done. It was a very original movie. The use of a camcorder as the main camera added some confusion, but it also added an element of realism. The movie was a very freaky movie. This is only if you are somewhat of an intellectual and do not have a low attention span. It was scary in a psychological sense. It was your typical slasher, gore, killer jumps out of a closet type of scary movie, only it was the unknown that was scary.

"The Caine Mutiny"

By Guy Van Slyke

The movie "The Caine Mutiny" is an exceptionally well written, well acted, high intensity piece of drama from the 1950s. The basic story line is fairly simple. The Caine, a tow line boat for the U.S. Navy during WWII, has a crew of slackers and is falling apart in the Pacific. Willie Keith, who is fresh out of Princeton, joins the Navy. He is assigned to The Caine. The Caine is not his idea of what the military is supposed to be. He has an extremely low opinion of the crew and especially the captain, but to prove his manhood he chooses to stay aboard The Caine. Soon his decision apparently pays off when the captain is transferred and a much more orderly and methodical Captain Queeg takes the helm. Soon this "dream captain" turns into the crew's worst nightmare. His obsessive-compulsive behavior exceeds even what normal military standards are. The captain goes on rampages about shirts not being tucked in and strawberries being miss-

ing among other things. Fueled by Tom Keefer (an aspiring writer) and the captain's questionable behavior, rumors start floating around The Caine regarding the captain's mental capacity. Eventually in the midst of a typhoon the crew is convinced of the captain's insanity and 2nd officer in command Steve Meryk commits mutiny and assumes command of The Caine. Then the movie assumes a different setting, into a courtroom for the naval court marshalling of Steve Meryk. Meryk obtains a sharp lawyer who after much high intensity courtroom action (including getting Captain Queeg to "snap" on the witness stand) is able to get officer Meryk exonerated. In this trial, however, Tom Keefer becomes a turncoat on the crew (after convincing them to commit mutiny) and opts to save his own skin. The only negative I saw in this movie was a feeble love story that was only inserted for the mighty female dollar.

Computer Lab Update

By Brett Hode

The new computer lab has caused mixed feelings throughout the school. Most of the student body seems to enjoy the lab, but many do not even use the lab. We've seen an increase in the use of the computers at the times it is open. What's even better is we've seen an increase in school work being done on the computers. The computers are in demand, so if you want to use one, you should hurry after the bell or you're out of luck. Plus many say the Internet connection is slow, and they do not have the time to wait for things to load. In all actuality the connection is only slow when all the computers are on the net at the same time. The connection is a t-1, or for the computer illiterate, this connection is one of the fastest you can buy (in this area). There are a few mistakes, that if connected, could boost speeds. For example, in multiple locations the wiring twists and is crimped tightly in the conduit. This causes the wiring to lose bandwidth (the speed which information travels). Other than that, there are no large mistakes in the wiring or in the Internet connection, at least.

There is one potentially fatal mistake that the computers themselves have had since the beginning of school: they repeatedly break down, which is common in computer labs. The server has crashed, but still, the new lab creates a great improvement in the technology area. As Mr. Laiche put it, "the students have gotten used to having the lab available. There has even been more teachers bringing classes into the lab." The hyperstudio program is still awaited; it has been shipped, but it is several months overdue. While the business apps class will not get to learn the program that they were originally supposed to learn, this program will help the teachers quite a lot. It provides a presentation slideshow, which will incorporate technology into the classroom. It does provide yet another learning tool for the SSC staff to use. The lab has closed several times to allow needed repairs and configuration of the computers. Be thankful; the lab is open at lunch and recess, and let's hope it stays that way.



Titanic Projects: a sea of fun



Freshman students take a break after enjoying Titanic presentations.

By James Fulford and Trey Schorr

In freshman English classes, Mrs. Holmes instructed us about one of the most infamous disasters of all time, the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic. The class was taught about the Titanic's overconfident Captain E.J. Smith. The class also learned about how the Californian failed to help the stricken ship. We then learned about the public investigations that took place after the survivors arrived in New York City. We created projects about the Titanic that were creative, showed effort, and showed that we knew something about the disaster. We had two weeks to finish. Most people adequately completed their projects within the allotted

time. The project counted as one test and one quiz grade. The people that did not complete their projects found that their grades sank faster than the Titanic.

The project gave us a gladly welcomed break from grammar. Most of the students put a titanic amount of effort into this project. This year's freshmen even surpassed the projects from last year. One of the most notable projects was from Kunal Patel and Padrick Dennis. It was a twelve-minute movie and a poster. The movie consisted of computer animations and pictures of the Titanic from the construction to the actual departure of the Titanic. It was set to the song "Sail Away" and music from Bob Marley. The poster had more information and pictures. Gabe Willis and Peter Doty did another very interesting project. It was a cake version of the Heart of the

Ocean from the Titanic movie, in which the gold chain became a French twist bread roll. Students also stood in a bucket of crushed ice to learn what 4 degree water must have felt like there in the North Atlantic on April 14, 1912. The average death took only thirty minutes after the sinking of the ship.

Freshman English teacher Mrs. Leah Holmes said, "I do this unit every year, and every year it gets bigger and bigger. Catastrophes tend to capture the imagination of the students. I love that the students come in during the unit and run to the chalkboard to see what new stuff I've put up there. Some even come in reciting facts they've learned overnight. Overall, the students loved the unit. The kids' enthusiasm and passion for the weird and little-known facts about the ship affirm the story's attraction, so I continue to give my all to it."

Some fascinating facts about the Titanic:

There were...

-35,000 eggs that drowned on the Titanic

-8,000 cigars sank

-7,000 heads of lettuce

-40 tons of potatoes

-The ship sank with lifeboats chained to its side.

-Even though lifeboats were being launched only half full, one lady was denied access with her Great Dane and went back to her room to die. Out of Titanic's 2227 passengers, only 800 were saved, 1500 died from hypothermia.

-One ship nearby, the Californian, saw the Titanic's flares but thought they were fireworks. The lookout went back to bed, leaving Titanic to die an icy death.

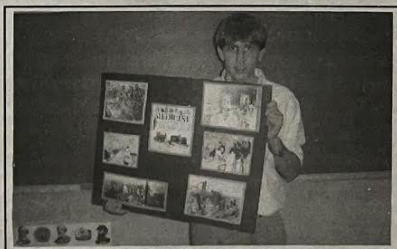
-The ship's hull #3909 04 is reported to be a secret code. If you hold the numbers up to a mirror, the words spell "No Pope." It is said that Protestant ship builders created the code, and that the sinking represents God's wrath!

Gettysburg revisited

By Andrew Waterman

The War between the States was relived in eighth grade English classes. Students studying Stephen Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage* wrote reports about Civil War topics ranging from weaponry to generals. Also, students created visual aids in the form of posters and projects to accompany the reports.

Project creativity added much interest. Among these displays were Ben Bourgeois's detailed poster on weaponry, William Mestayer's revealing factual poster about medicine and hospital doctrine, and Colin Wilson's three-dimensional depiction of Ford's Theater. Jarrod Bourgeois created a folding poster display of the Battle of Antietam. Grady Wyly's pictorial of Civil War events offered much information, and Ulysses S. Grant



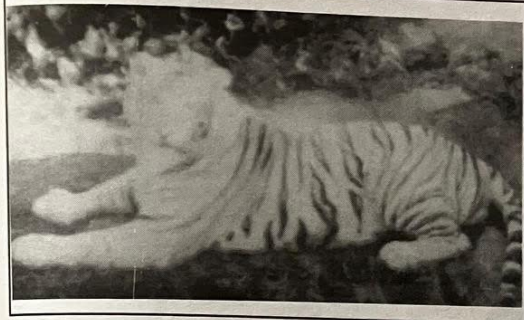
Will Mestayer displays facts about Civil War medicine and hospitals.

posters by David Bradley and Jeremy Burke showed different aspects of this famous man's life. A modified Monopoly board was converted

into a battle scene by Richard Schorr. Michael Enloe's poster spotlighted the naval battle ships Monitor and Merrimack.

Upon listening to these presentations, one is sure to learn at least one or two pieces of Civil War trivia. Here are a few: Ulysses S. Grant was really Herman Ulysses Grant whose initials spelled H.U.G which he hated. Shrapnel grenades and cannon balls were named for their inventor Henry Shrapnel, a British artillery officer. The Battle of Bull Run was named after the Indian stream that ran near the battle's location. About 50,000, yes, 50,000 Canadians fought the Civil War on different sides. A general's uniform had five braids to distinguish them from lower ranking soldiers. The average soldier was paid thirteen dollars a month. More men died in the Civil War than in any other war in American history.

Featured creatures



Pictures is one of the white tigers at the Audubon Zoo.

By Keith Crawford

Audubon Zoological Gardens has two magnificent creatures. Recently two white tiger cubs were bought to replace the one that died. White tigers are born when two orange tigers with a recessive gene mate. Chances of a white tiger surviving on its own are slim to none. Their color makes them stick out and allows their prey to escape. White tigers are NOT

albinos. Albinos have a pigment in their eyes that makes their eyes pink. White tigers have light blue eyes. White tiger's stripes range from light brown to gray to black, making them one of the most beautiful creatures ever.

Most people do not know that there is such a creature as a white lion, but there is. I discovered this when I visited Audubon one day. White lions are born white at birth and darken as they

age. They will always be lighter than a "normal" lion. Most lions are dark brown or golden in color, but white lions are blondish or yellow in color. The white lions are rare yet magnificent creatures. The males still have traditional manes. These lions truly are great "kings of the jungle."

On March 3, 1999, an Aumur leopard cub was born in Audubon. These large cats are a bright orange with black spots. They spend a lot of time in trees. Their feet and claws have adapted excellently for climbing. As with all jungle cats, they are quick with good eyesight and hearing, making these a welcome addition to the large cat family.

I had hoped for more info, but Audubon responded to my email by telling me to go to other sources, though they would not say where I could find the suggested sources.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart serving SSC: Brother Canisius Schell, S.C.

By Kyle Olson

Brother Canisius has been a Brother of the Sacred Heart for seventy-five years.



Brother Canisius checks out an abandoned hogan (home) on the reservation.

Forty of those were spent teaching in the Brothers' schools throughout the country. Presently Brother is directing a service organization to encourage the students to

"Do for others" no matter how small the act of kindness. The students are often reminded of Mother Theresa's philosophy: "The smallest act of kindness done with lots of love brings peace and joy to the receiver and to the giver." Brother Canisius feels that the most important contribution any human being can offer others is his time, and Brother certainly lives this belief.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart serving SSC: Brother Charles Schilling

Patrick Clark

I met with Brother Charles during second period, and he generously stopped what he was doing to talk with me. He greeted me with a smile and a firm handshake, and then we began a very laid back interview

Where are you from and where did you go to college?

"I am from Baton Rouge and I went LSU where I earned a degree in education. I later went to Loyola and then Boston College where I received my masters."

When did you decide to become a brother?

"It was Palm Sunday, 1979.

What different things have you done as a brother?

"I have taught, worked at summer camp, been a moderator for Key Club, and I have worked as a prefect here in the dorms. I have also spent four months in Rome and I take volunteer groups out to the reservation."

Out of all of these things, what do you enjoy the most?

"I really enjoy taking the volunteer groups out to the reservation. It is a lot of fun."

What do you do here at school now?

"I take a lot of pictures at sporting events for the school and I keep the web site up. I am also responsible for major publications like the Principal's Newsletter, and I am partially responsible for the yearbook, that Mrs. Holmes works on."

What do you like to do when you're not working or at sporting events?

"I like to watch movies, especially foreign films. I don't really know why I like them so much."

Out of the many you have seen, what is your favorite foreign film?

"It would have to be a film called *Europa Europa*."

Brother Charles is a friendly and interesting person. He's also very talented with photography. He generously contributed A.C.E. photos and basketball shots for this edition of the Rock-A-Chaw. Thanks, Brother Charles!



1999 Christmas Wish List

A 2000 Toyota Celica. Cherubin Alcalen

Peace of mind. Chris Patterson

All countries live in peace. Mr. Moran

Better dorms for SSC. Joe Acosta

A faster arrival of the Playstation 2. Blake Bilbo

Unity between all students at SSC. Brian Landry

A real science lab with government funding. Joe Aureli

A Charlie Brown Christmas complete with the little tree that no one wanted; peace and happiness for all. Mrs. Bradbrook

A white tiger. Keith Crawford

Good health for my family. Mrs. Holder

A set of clothes that fit properly, and for SSC to become a more peaceful and happy place. Brother Harold, SC

I wish that each student here at St. Stanislaus would realize that he is unique, gifted and loveable - that he is created by God and to be happy with God to be happy in this life and the next. Brother Adrian, SC

I wish my Uncle Mike, Uncle Jean and my Grandma Billy, who died, are happy in heaven. James Landgrove

A domed (air-conditioned, of course) 8-court tennis complex. These championship quality class courts would include a grandstand court, shower and locker facilities, meeting rooms, a pro-shop, and office space. Mr. Labat

Peace in our homes, peace in our cities, and peace throughout the world! Brother Donnan, SC

To live in harmony. Garrett Mann

A cd-r drive and a new computer. Brett Hade

I wish to be on a game show. Kyle Olsen

Brother Pierre's and Brother Anton's healing. Brother Albert, SC

A million dollars and that I never have to go to school again. Peyton Cuevas

I wish that everyone in the SSC family will experience the joy of Christmas a special way. I also wish I will lose 20 pounds! Mrs. Clark

To be able to speak fluently in all languages. James Peterson

A maid for a week. Mrs. Timidaishi

Some new overhead markers that actually write. Mrs. Holmes

I wish for all religions to unite as one into a true universal church. Mrs. Simpson

I wish for all my Christmas wishes to come true. Patrick Clark

That my leg heals,
USM wins the Liberty bowl,
And I get an "A" in Journalism. Guy Van Slyke

I wish for better equipment for the newspaper. Kunal Patel

I wish for no homework on the weekends. Frey Schorr

A cure for cancer,
Peace on Earth,
To catch a 8 lb. speckle trout,
And to have a 28-ft. Boston Whaler with twin 250 outboards. Coach Dellenger

To have the 6th grade basketball team in January be treated like SSC treats the Varsity basketball team. We are all the same, but we are a lot younger and smaller. Jeremy Mire

A detention list with no names and no Saturday school. Mr. Genin

I wish to be with my family in Mexico. Carlos Garcia

A happy and healthy faculty and student body at SSC, a computer that does not crash as often, and lessons in Adobe Photoshop. Brother Ronald Kingle SC

I wish that all the teachers that I paid off would be kind enough to give me back the money and keep my grades up. John Sumner





Coach Kenson on tonight's game:
"We will be playing the best team in the district, and we have to play our best game. We have to stay focused on the importance of the game."

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by JAMES MCDONALD

Looking Ahead

By James McDonald



SSC started off a new school year with the Foundation Day Mass on September 29.

As students walked through the halls for the first time this August, SSC's historic tradition was instilled inside its young men yet again—just as it has been solidified for 146 years now. The first few days, adjustments to new classes and new rules had to be made. Visions of unlimited possibilities quickly started to fill everyone's mind for the new school year. Now that we are comfortable and finished with the first quarter, one might ask—What is in store for the

future? The answer to this question is not yet evident, and it continues to unfold as the start of the millennium appears.

Changes are constantly taking place on our campus. Once a future graduate goes off for college, starts his life and then later comes back to visit the place that made him a man of character, chances are that he will not see the same St. Stanislaus. Many plans are supposedly in store for the campus itself, including such facilities as a new football stadium, field house, band hall, and weight-room. New buildings like the Brother's auditorium and the Collins C. Diboll Walkway to the cafeteria have already been constructed for better accessibility. But, the newest addition at SSC would be the luxurious tennis courts next to the Brother Peter Memorial Gym. For a high school, these courts give our tennis teams one of the best facilities in the state. Hopefully, this will ensure more success for our team, which has been very strong the past few years.

After all this talk, students will probably think, "Who cares about all of this, what is going to be in store for this year?" Well, one thing that will make the seniors and juniors happy will be the upcoming prom scheduled for May 5, 2001. For the past few years, the school has had a disappointing turnout and lack of in-

terest mainly due to the fact that students want the dance away from campus. So by popular demand, the administration has listened and booked the Great Southern Club—a very nice place on the top floor of Hancock Bank in Gulfport. On the other hand, for those in the lower grades who will not be able to attend the prom, homecoming will be another event that will be anticipated by the student body.

Academically, new classes at SSC are also shaping the foundation for future Rock-A-Chaws. For instance, Mr. Flannery is conducting the first ever AP English III class for juniors. And for the aspiring art student, an advanced art class that features sculpture is also available, taught by Ms. Bordelon. Finally, the new youth legislature team is another addition to the vast extra-curricular activities our school has to offer. As a part of this team, the members must come up with ideas that they bring to Jackson, in hopes of forming a bill that may someday become a law. Mr. Paul Verlander will be sponsoring these young politicians as they contemplate the duties of Congress.

With all of these expectations for the future, students and faculty can look forward to a great year. Some classmen may disagree and think that St. Stanislaus is a difficult school to handle, with all of its rules and regulations. Low grades and other troubles might be a constant struggle throughout these years, but students should always stick with it. Our parents pay tuition for a reason. They know we are receiving an education that will put us ahead in life. All the knowledge that we will receive at SSC will pay off in the long run. So when times are rough, think of the future, things will change and hopefully get better as life goes on.

A new sound at Mass

By Andrew Pretzello

On Friday, September 29, the SSC student body, as well as everyone who attended Mass in the gym, was uplifted by the spiritual mass celebrating the founding day of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. One of the most notable additions to the mass was the impressive band ensemble that played great music.

The songs were very spiritual and fun. The student body sang in an enthusiastic manner like they really wanted to sing. "Mass is supposed to be a celebration," said vocalist Mr. Rock. Mass is a time to celebrate God, not fall asleep listening to the music from a century ago. Friday's mass caught up with the times and played what St. Stanislaus wanted to hear.

The Mass ensemble was not only made up of faculty; it was made up of students too. "We had more students who wanted to do this, and that is what made this better," said Campus Minister Mr. Duhon. The group had an electric guitar, played by Paul Thibodeaux,

and Adam Pace and John Carr played acoustic guitars. Derek Fogarty was on the drums, and Mr. Barilleaux was playing piano. Mr. Emmer will join them on bass guitar. Our vocals consisted of Michael Carter, John Thibodeaux, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Rock, and Mrs. Lagasse. "It sounded better with more instruments and singers," said Mrs. Holmes.

If everything goes as planned, the ensemble will be playing again for our next mass. Mr. Duhon informs me that more people will be in it, which is good. Personally I think the student body should get more involved in more things we do here around SSC. This school is heading in the right direction starting with the mass, letting the students become involved in these types of activities.

Mass is and will be a wonderful celebration, especially now that the students are involved. Everyone wants to participate, and everyone is having fun. In the words of Mr. Rock, "This is how mass is supposed to be."

HOMECOMING 2000 TONIGHT

• The Rocks need your support!

Be there tonight!

The Homecoming Dance is tomorrow night!

Senior events

By DeLance Boggs

Senior Leadership Breakfast

On the 6th of September, the Senior Leadership Breakfast took place in the school mall. This event was assembled not only to establish and define the leadership qualities of the senior class but to sharpen those already present. The students were first welcomed by the Student Council President, Neil Favre, who thanked all students, visitors, and guest-speakers in attendance. Next, Reverend William J. Kelley opened the Breakfast with a prayer. A few reflections and introductions followed and then breakfast was served. Living in 2000 brings many demands as well as challenges and Mr. Danny Abramowitz, the guest speaker of the event, made some of these demands evident and challenged the senior class to living a moral life. Mr. Abramowitz is a member



Mr. Danny Abramowitz addresses the senior class at the annual Senior Breakfast.

of the Saints' Hall of Fame and is a man of strong faith and character. His words to Stanislaus' seniors concerned morality, leadership, and spirituality. Mr. Abramowitz's speech encouraged the seniors to set the example in our school and in our society, especially as we are the role models for SSC underclassmen. The Senior Leadership Breakfast helped the class to benefit from the words of Mr. Abramowitz as well as many others.

Senior Ring Mass

By DeLance Boggs

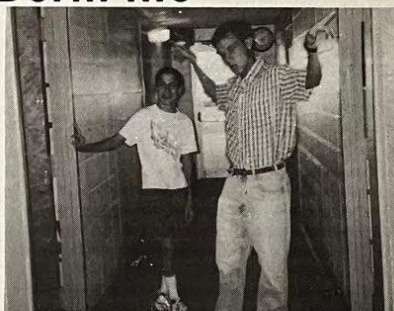
Senior rings were distributed on the 7th of September at the Our Lady of the Gulf Church. This is a time long awaited, and it signals the end of one's high school years, and the many possibilities the future holds. The Ring Mass was celebrated at 7:00 p.m. The rings were blessed, and a few words were said by some of



Seniors Gary Leung, left, and Patrick Clark proudly display symbols of their senior status.

the school leaders and supporters. Then, each student was called to the front, one by one, to receive his ring. An enjoyable reception hosted by Mrs. Mary Dillenkoffer and the parent-leadership team was held in the mall.

Dorm life



Mr. Schindler points the way for smiling student Daniel Cepada.

By Michael Peacock

Living in the dorm isn't all the fun that you would think it is, but it can be cool. Dorm life can be very helpful because it prepares you for college and living away from home. You also, meet many people that come from different cultures. It can help you learn how to properly deal with social and residential problems and learn how to respect people around you.

There are also unfavorable things about living in the dorm. You have to wait until the weekend to see your parents or to go home. If you're an international student, you may have to wait longer to see your family. Another down side about being in the dorm is that you are always around other people; you never have time to just get away from everyone. The dorm schedule is very structured, but as a whole, I think that dorm life is good for young men that live too far away to be a day student at St. Stanislaus.

Addition of New Dorm E

By Steven Bradley

The Residency department opened an additional wing in the dormitory for the 2000-2001 school year. Dorm E consists of students ranging from grades 10 through 12. The new Dorm E differs from other dormitories in certain respects. There are individual requirements that students must meet upon entrance. Each student must have at least one year of previous experience as a resident student at St. Stanislaus and a positive recommendation from his previous Prefect and the Director of the Residency Department, Brother Chris Sweeney. Additionally, each student must have earned a minimum 2.5 GPA at St. Stanislaus. The minimum 2.5 GPA is a standard that is required to be maintained throughout the school year.

Dorm E has a total of 20 resident students. There are two students in each room. There are no required study periods. There is a "quiet time" from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M., study in a quiet environment that minimizes distractions. Students have internet access and phone connections in each of their rooms. Students are required to be involved in an extracurricular activity each day after school.

Just the eight of us



Senior Michael Carter creates a work of sculpture in advanced art class.

By: Patrick Clark

You may have heard of a class here at school called Sculpture. It is a new Art Elective offered to students who have already taken Advanced Art. Mrs. Bordelon teaches our class downstairs in the old maintenance room, where we can be as loud as we need to without bothering any other classes. It is a really fun class where we can get more experience in one specialized type of art. This class gives students a new way to learn and express themselves creatively. This class is a great addition to the art classes, which already exist at SSC. We have a class of only seven students, which makes it easy for Mrs. Bordelon to get around and help everyone. Our class consists of seniors Michael Carter, Patrick Clark, Thad David, William Davidson, Kenneth Goddin, Jason Santiago, and junior Alex Ironmonger.

If you are looking for a class where you can just slack off, then this is not the one for you. We have already completed three sculptural pieces in clay, and we have only been in class for eight weeks. We have to get an idea and have several sketches of our idea from different angles before we even begin to sculpt.

This may sound like we are only working in clay, but really we are going to work in many different mediums. We have only started in clay because it is what most of us are familiar with. By the end of the year, we will have done pieces in many different forms. Some students plan to work in wood, marble, wire, mixed medium, and one student even hopes to work in fiberglass.

I encourage anyone who is willing to work hard and is interested in sculpture to look into taking this class. It is a fun laid back kind of class where you can put to use all the techniques you have learned in previous art classes.

Society's harmful stereotype

By: David Bradley

Boys in today's society are taught to be masculine. In our society being "masculine" more often than not means not to show emotions and to suppress feelings. If this stereotype is followed, which it frequently is, it can have devastating effects on the child. When feelings are suppressed, generally one or both of the following happens:

An implosion in the boy's life occurs. This means that the boy will turn all of his feelings inward. This approach to consciously or subconsciously settle his problems often leads to depression - turning misplaced anger on yourself and not knowing where to put it - and can lead to serious trauma. An explosion may occur. This is when the boy may act out, hurts others, or not cooperate with others to get out his unresolved problems or anger.

After adolescence and even often before, aggression in males happens in groups. If a boy acts according to a masculine stereotype around his Dad, and his Dad approves, (our parents are where we first learn how to act and right from wrong) then he will probably act in this manner around his peers. Group aggression - aggression acted out with others - is often an action taken by boys because their peers may approve. The aggressors often use this type of aggression in schools to intimidate others and therefore attempt to gain power. This action is also taken because of its simple nature: that it is much harder to stand up to a group than it is to one person. It is not only harder for one of the

aggressors to stand up for what is right, but because of the fact that it is a group, the aggressed will also hesitate to stand up for their own rights.

One of the biggest contributors to male aggression is our media. Day after day boys see violence on TV. TV and even cartoons show excessive violence. When a young boy sees an action on TV, he makes a judgment on that action. He may believe that this action is caused by anger or even happiness. This judgment is then stored in memory. When the child is feeling angry he may take what he remembers from TV and act it out because that is something he sees as a healthy way to act out anger.

This type of behavior will also start with unhealthy parenting. An example of this is a common way that parents discipline their kids - spanking. The pure nature of this act shows aggression. This action shows that a parent is not happy with a situation or person - the boy. It then shows that the parent is expressing anger and even trying to solve the problem with aggression and violence. The boy may take this into his mind. When he is angry with a fellow classmate, instead of reasoning with his classmate, he may hit him because to the child this seems like a plausible and completely fair way to deal with the situation.

Society needs to address this male aggression stereotype. As generation after generation becomes more open in terms of correcting what is wrong with our culture, society still supports this devastating idea and we are still stuck in this devastating rut. What a paradox.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Serving SSC: Brother Eduardo Baldioceda



Brother Eduardo always has visitors in his office.

By Logan Holleman

In our continuing feature about the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, we are pleased to learn more about Brother Eduardo Baldioceda. When I asked Brother if he would be interviewed for the paper, he responded very kindly. Most people recognize Brother Eduardo when they see him around campus. I sat down with him to ask him some questions about being a Brother of the Sacred Heart.

Brother Eduardo first became interested in the Brotherhood when he was taught by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart at St. Aloysius in New Orleans. Then in 1957, he joined and became a Brother himself.

Being a Brother of the Sacred Heart comes with many duties, such as vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to your superiors. Of this last vow, Brother Eduardo said, "Obedience is the vow I had early help with because I had good parents."

Brother Eduardo has many interesting jobs and hobbies here at SSC. He teaches a computer science course, is prefect of Dorm B, runs the ham radio club, and for the resident students he supervises breakfast in the mornings. Brother also runs the SSC canteen out of his office, where students can find many delicious snacks. Brother Eduardo noted, "I enjoy working with young people and also teaching." One can clearly see Brother's love and caring for the St. Stanislaus community.

Later in the interview, I asked Brother about his ham radio hobby. "Ham radio is learning about radios and using them to talk to people all around the world." Students interested in learning more about ham radios should talk to Brother Eduardo.

Thank you, Brother Eduardo, for all that you do for us!

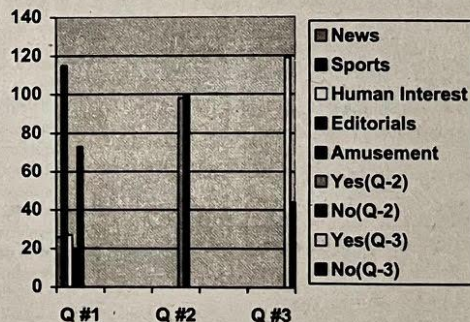
Survey results

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#1- Would you like to see more news, sports, human interest, editorials, or amusement?

#2- Do you think the paper should feature more student classroom activity articles?

#3- Should the paper provide more information about local or national events?



Band on the rise to fame

By Edward Jasper

If you like bands like Metallica, Our Lady Peace, Stone Temple Pilots, and Bush here is a band for you, 3 Doors Down. Formed in Escatawpa, MS, which is right next to Biloxi, MS they made a name for themselves with their hit song, *Kryptonite*. With continuous air play granted from 97.9 WCPR more and more people were drawn to them most notably scouts from Republic/Universal records. In early 2000 they released their debut major record album, *The Better Life*.

Since the release of *The Better Life*, 3 Doors Down's drummer (and lead singer) Brad Arnold, has passed his drum sticks on to their new full-time drummer, Richard Liles. Matt Roberts and Chris Henderson, 3 Doors Down's guitarists continue to dish out their heavy, energetic, and powerful riffs track after track using both somewhat cliché riffs, as well as some very technical riffs. And backing this already tremendous sound is their bass player, Todd Harrell, using that ever-present bass of his song after song.

If you like the songs *Kryptonite*, *Loser*, *Not Enough*, *Be Like That*, and *Life of My Own* (which are songs they have released) you will love this album. All in all it is a great CD and maybe someday these Gulf Coast heroes will be household names.

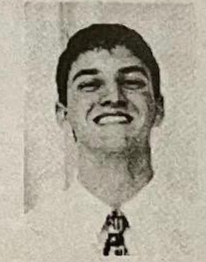
Key Club: What is it?

By Michael Enloe

The Key Club is one of the organizations at SSC that few people know about. Most people consider it a group only there for service hours. The Key Club is actually an international organization that works with the Kiwanis Club to help out around the home, school, and community. It is the largest international service organization, save religions.

Its service projects include the Children Of The World program to get food and medicines to children in third world countries. The Key Club also tutors at St. Claire's Elementary to help with homework and to play games, as well as tutoring in Dorm A. The Key Club helps with a beach cleanup in conjunction with Hancock County. They raise money for the Brother's mission in Arizona, and the club has instituted a new recycling program, recycling paper and cans. They raise money for the children's hospitals, help with the Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo each year, and volunteer for various sports events and organizations around campus. One of the activities this year will be the annual Penny Power Contest.

The SSC Key Club would like to announce the Outstanding Key Clubber of the month, senior Chris Mensi. Chris, a member of the Key Club for



Above is a picture of Outstanding Key Clubber of the month—Chris Mensi.

two years, currently serves as vice-president. As a member of the club, Chris is involved in multiple service activities. He started off this school year by working along fellow club members at the Back to School Beach Bash and Dance. Since then, Chris has attended weekly meetings of the executive board along with president Gary Leung and secretary Albert Li. He also attends general meetings held every Monday night. He is involved with tutoring as well as the Key Club's latest service endeavor, the recycling program.

Chris was recognized at a barbecue held in honor of club members who had achieved a high number of service hours in one month. For those of you who are not already acquainted with Chris, the Key Club invites you to attend a meeting and get to know him and other hard working members of the club. Mrs. Cynthia Clark, mediator of the Key Club, stated, "As for myself, I feel honored and privileged to be working with such students as Chris." Says Mensi: "I have always seen Key Club as a great way to help out my community." The staff of the Rock-a-Chaw offers congratulations, Chris!

In order to join, you need only to attend one of the meetings and sign up. The Key Club holds 4-5 hour long retreats on Saturdays, has barbecues every so often, and attends the district convention every year, at which there is food, awards, and dances (not to mention plenty of girls).

"A high stakes video game"



Mr. Schultz conducts a scuba class after school.

By Delance Boggs

The Rock-A-Chaw asked SSC Scuba Club moderator, Mr. Mike Shultz, about this year's club agenda. "We've already made trips to Gulf Shores, Alabama, where we encountered thousands of Australian jellyfish and some pretty tough conditions in general. The visibility there was very limited, maybe ten feet at the most, and there was a little bit of current. Diving with the jellyfish was like playing a high stakes video game, as we did not have wet-suits to protect us, only our maneuverability skills."

Participants in the Gulf Shores dives were Brandon Watts, Collins Baran, Mike Miller, Lorenzo Newman, and Mario Gutierrez. Mr. Chris Arcement, summer camp counselor, and Mr. Shultz supervised the trips.

"Eleven more students have been certified this semester over the course of two weekends in Destin," noted Mr. Shultz. "Both trips were in difficult conditions, which is not all bad for a class situation. Classes are designed to prepare people to dive, and having strenuous situations gives the student the opportunity to learn how to handle challenging conditions under the supervision of an instructor."

The club is looking forward to future dive opportunities in better conditions, and the prospect of a spring break trip to a Caribbean location is a definite consideration.

In addition to those students already mentioned, Scuba Club members include Steve Duke, Brandon Burkhart, Mike Felter, Justin Felter, Sergio Felegeres, James Peterson, Derek Fogarty, Chris Lee, John Nelson, Morgan Hammett, and myself.

NHS/NJHS news

By SSC Newspaper Staff

Founded nationally in 1921, the National Honor Society seeks to promote the ideals of scholarship, character, service, and leadership in secondary schools throughout the United States. At SSC, NHS membership is extended to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have achieved a cumulative, weighted grade point average of 3.5 and who have received high ratings by faculty members in areas of character, service, and leadership. To remain a member in good standing, each NHS member must maintain his 3.5 GPA, earn 15 hours of service each year, and attend regular meeting of the NHS.

This year SSC's NHS has 40 members—13 seniors, 11 juniors, and 16 sophomores. The officers are: Gary Leung, President; Albert Li and Kunal Patel, Vice-Presidents; Chris Clayton, Secretary; and Frederick Mallini, Treasurer.

SSC also has a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, which is composed of 48 members—27 ninth graders and 21 eighth graders. The officers of this group are: Andrew Waterman, President; Miller Gordon, Vice-President; Chris France, Secretary; Colin Wilson, Treasurer; and Spencer Ziegler, Service Chairman. Both the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society are sponsored by faculty member Mrs. Mary Castleberry.

This year the NHS and NJHS will be involved

in numerous service projects during the school year, but there is one special project this year that the NHS and NJHS is asking everyone to participate in. We will be collecting labels from various food products (General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker products, Yoplait yogurt, Lloyd's Barbeque Buckets, Tyson frozen chicken products, and Community coffee products) to support our service projects, so please begin asking parents, other family members, friends, and neighbors to clip and save the labels which are shown below. Listen for announcements of special prizes to be given in recognition of the class and individual who collect the most labels. Listen also for announcements of when and where the labels will be collected.

The labels to look for and clip are:

Box Tops for Education

on General Mills cereals
on Betty Crocker products
on Yoplait yogurt
on Lloyd's barbeque buckets

Project A+

Tyson frozen chicken products

Community Cash for Schools

UPCs (bar codes) from all Community Coffee products

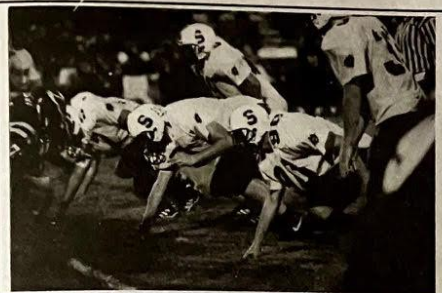
Serving you

By Patrick Clark

This year's Student Ministry Team is a made up of fifteen seniors, who have said yes to a call to minister to their school community. Being one these fifteen ministers I will try and explain our duty to you. At first, it was hard for us to find exactly what our new role is. We began this year by going to a convention, which helped answer, this question. During this convention we were able to talk with other Student Ministers and to learn how to better minister to you. Yet perhaps the most important thing that happened was that we all got to know each other a little better and with this we can work stronger as a team.

Through experiences such as this convention, I have discerned what I think our role is. Our role is to strive to be a constant example of a disciple of Christ for the members of our SSC family. Mr. Duhon, who is our new Campus minister, reflected on our role as, "to be one who serves, and ministers to his fellow students and classmates, modeled after Jesus' ministry."

HOME COMING 2000



The SSC defensive line takes a stand against Hancock. The Rocks fought hard but lost the game.

By Andrew Pretzello

The 2000 homecoming is expected to be a great game. Our Rock-a-Chaws of St. Stanislaus host the Petal Panthers. The Panthers hold a record of 7-1, 3-1 in the district. The Rocks have a record of 4-4, 2-2 in the district. I talked with head football coach, Mr. Dave Kenson, about tonight's game.

"We will be playing the best team in the district, and we have to play our best game. We have to put aside homecoming distractions and stay focused on the importance of the game"

"Coach Kenson, when does the team start preparing for a big game like this?"

"Preparation begins with studying game films and that starts about a week before a game. One of our strategies is to change something for every game, and we intend to follow through for tonight's game. I can't say at this time exactly what that change in play will be, but it will be directed at Petal's vulnerability."

"What would you, Coach Kenson, consider to be our team's strengths and weaknesses?"

Currently we reap the benefits of a balanced offense, which can both run and throw well. Our offensive line played their best game of the year so far against Pearl River Central with a 51-40 victory, and they will continue to improve. Our defense plays tough, but they are less experienced, and we're working to improve there."

I got a chance to talk to some of the players on the football team such as G/T #78 Neil Favre. "We know it's going to be a good game because Petal is one of the best teams in the district. They are a big team; we don't really match up with them in size, so we know we are going to have to play our best to beat them. We think we are going to be able to pull out a great win."

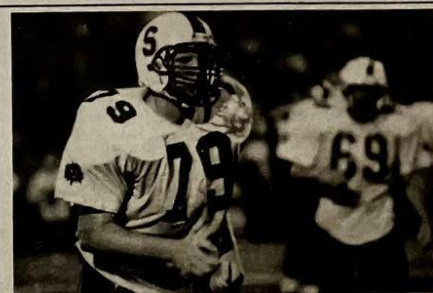
Jesse Battle, a lineman, shared his concern for tonight's game. "I think the toughest thing for me will be going against Petal's offensive guard - he's one of the best in the nation, and I've got to go against him."

Play Christian Baehr said, "It will be a hard

Play Christian Baehr said, "It will be a hard loss or a good game, but no matter what, it will be a good game."

Player Grady Willis said, "Tonight we will do battle with the Petal Panthers and if we are able to play the whole game without many mental mistakes this will be our night."

The team seems pretty prepared for the Petal game. They need all the support they can get. The Rocks can still



Tackle Mike O'Neal, #79, heads off the field after a play during the Hancock game.

have playoffs hopes. We must win every game and Petal, Columbia, and Hancock would have to lose one game each. The Rocks have a strong team as they have shown us many of times before; hopefully we can find that extra energy to come out with a victory for our Rock-a-Chaws of St. Stanislaus.

Varsity/Junior Varsity Soccer Final Roster

Aguilar, Luis	Keller, Jeremy
Boelte, Jeremy	Kenny, Billy
Bourgeois, Jarrod	Kivlan, Michael
Boxx, Will	Kulikowski, Stephen
Breland, Bryce	Leonard, Michael
Brodtmann, Beau	Lewis, Kyle
Brooks, Brennan	Lingsch, Josh
Cranford, Drew	Natal, Patrick
Doty, Peter	Newman, Lorenzo
Farrar, Todd	Olsen, Sean
Favre, Neil	Pitalo, Josh
Fitzmaurice, Mike	Powell, Matt
Giardino, Luca	Strickland, Jimmy
Hansell, Jeffrey	Ticer, Marshall
Heaps, David	Treutel, Trey
Henry, Tommy	Turfitt, Baxter
Johnson, Jake	Vollenweider, Corey

SSC Swimming Stats

September 13 Results: L 36-58
September 20 Results: W 123-35
September 27 Results W 104-56
October 4 Hancock: W 115-43



SSC Junior High Football Stats

Currently the Junior High Rocks are undefeated at 6-0.

SSC Junior Varsity Football Stats

Currently the Junior Varsity Rocks are leading with a 3-2 record.

Members of the Junior High Football Team

speak about their recent victory over Vancleave 26-6.

Stefan Sofianos—"One of the hardest parts of the game was really before the game. It was very hard preparing for the game. During the game, the most exhilarating part was the first quarter when both teams were still scoreless."

Lee Klein—"We beat them everywhere on field; they had no chance"

Michael Cure—"They were a very powerful and challenging team, but we came to play. We knew what we needed to do and we executed. We beat them on both sides of the ball. Our effort and our attitude to win is what gave us the "W."

Brennen Thomas—"The game was tough. They were a good team. They were stopping our running backs and main plays, but we got by a few times. As a cornerback, I had to make sure they didn't get behind me and I had to block or intercept any passes thrown. Both teams were pretty much evenly matched, but we wanted it more and that's all that counts."

Go get 'em Rocks!

SSC Cross Country Stats

August 26—Oak Grove Work Meet Results: N/18
September 9—E D White Invitational Results: 14th
September 16: Holy Cross Meet Results: N/A
September 23: East Central Meet Results: 7th
September 30: St. Martin Meet Results: 6th



Presidential Debate 2000 Road worries

By Tyler Gallagher

In the first Presidential debate of this year, candidates Vice President Al Gore and Governor George W. Bush discussed plans and ideas for a better America. Each had his own version of improvements in education and government, as well as

other major topics of interest to the American voting public. Mr. Bush and Mr. Gore tore into each other's campaign promises, as they simultaneously tried to keep cool and focused on the debate. As many had expected, these two major party Presidential candidates used most of this face-off to promote their own plans for prescription drug coverage for senior citizens, the Social Security and Medicare programs, and tax breaks for Americans.

The debaters managed to both compliment each other and alternately to set each other at disadvantages. Mr. Gore would usually sigh in exasperation to Mr. Bush's comments, and Mr. Bush would respond with shakes of his head. Overall, Bush came out ahead in this debate. He kept a good mind towards Gore's plans and ideas, and even complimented Gore on some of them. While, on the other hand, Gore would sigh in exhaustion to Bush's ideas. Bush made a good point when he mentioned that Gore was only trying to "scare" many into voting for him by mentioning his Medicare plans. Bush took the defensive and the end of the debate turned ugly.

As things got a little bit ugly, Bush sarcastically stated, "Not only am I beginning to believe that Gore invented the Internet, but I also am beginning to believe that he invented the calculator." The two engaged in similar exchanges of words, with Gore arguing that Bush's tax payroll program would cause bankruptcy, and Bush saying that Gore had no philosophical problem with the system's current "paltry" two percent rate of return.

So as things wrapped up on an ugly notice, the two still exchanged glances and smiles, then shook hands, and left the stage in opposite directions.



By Britt Hormanski

I wake up it's 7:20 A.M. I finish getting ready for school, and then I rush out to my car. I start up the engine and check my fuel gauge. Now, I must make one more stop: to the gas station.

I pull into the gas station and wait my turn for a place to pump my gas. Finally, after a five-minute wait, I can continue. As I begin to pump my gas, I gaze once more at the clock; it is now 7:35. I have only 25 minutes to get to school.

If this has ever happened to you, then you know how hard it can be to get gas before school and still be on time for classes. However, compared to what may occur, this is nothing.

Already around the world, in places like England and Europe, the price of gasoline has rocketed sky-high. Already, gas has risen from around \$1.00 to \$1.45, and the oil companies have plans to raise them even higher. What is the end result?

In England, people have to wait an estimated hour to two hours, to get their gas. Why? Convenience stores refuse to pay the costly amount of dollars for gas, thus resulting in less gasoline. So in essence, the less gas you have, the longer the wait to serve all customers.

So is it possible for this to occur in the United States? That depends. If the inflation increases, then there is a great chance that this will occur. How can we stop this from occurring? The people do not really have a huge say-so in this debate. All that we can do is talk to our representatives and question the authority figures.

When asked what they thought would happen in the future, many people responded positively. They informed me that they do not believe it will happen because of the new presidential election occurring. Once the new president is in charge, this will no longer be a big issue. Both candidates wish to end this by supplying our hemisphere with more oil.

What can be done about this loss of oil, or oil deficiency? Governor Bush wishes to pull oil out of Alaska in order to supply the ever-growing need of American citizens. The only problem with that is, we will run the risk of endangering species, as well as destroying national property.

So once again, the world is stuck in a no win situation. No matter what we do, whether we destroy life, or raise prices of gasoline, once again, we are going to lose something.

George W. Bush: Hypocrisy with Bravado

By John S. Waterman

George W. Bush is the wrong choice for America.

This reporter does not know where to begin citing examples of his inexperience and hypocrisy. Since his campaign is so concerned at the moment with pointing out the moral turpitude of Vice President Gore and the Clinton administration, perhaps we should look at the character of Governor Bush.

When asked about his problems with drug abuse, Governor Bush asked the American People to "forgive and forget" any "youthful indiscretions" he may have had in the past. The Republican Party seemed happy enough to accept this sentiment, and the issue has been glossed over.

Thousands of non-violent drug offenders are currently serving huge terms in prison for similar "youthful indiscretions." Governor Bush has yet to make any attempt to "forgive and forget" their past crimes; rather he has insisted on a stance that is "tougher on drugs."

But that's not hypocrisy. That's politics. Governor Bush's plans for economic and social reform reek on inexperience. His plans for tax reforms, for example, are extremely short sighted. Governor Bush wishes to give a large tax break to all Americans, claiming that those in the lowest tax brackets will receive the largest amount of money back. Governor Bush forgot to mention, however, that the only reason this socio-economic group will see so much money is because there are so many people in the middle-to-lower brackets. The people who will see the most money returned will be the richest 1% of America. Throughout the first presidential debate, Governor Bush repeatedly criticized Vice President Gore for his use of

"Fuzzy Math." It would seem that the Governor is not without some "Fuzzy Numbers" of his own.

Governor Bush's plans for Medicare and Social Security are just as bad. Because, very simply, he has none. All Governor Bush has promised to do is to preserve both programs, as he feels they are "defining American promises that must be kept." He does not offer immediate reforms, but states a nebulous plan to "improve them for future generations."

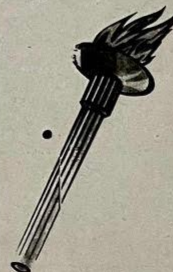
Another one of Governor Bush's plan's Vice President Gore on the other hand has a very definite plan: Use the surplus 166 billion dollars to protect Social Security and Medicare. The downside: no immediate tax break. Governor Bush's campaign has seized this aspect of the issue and refused to let it go. It is a successful tactic against the Vice President, because let's face it: The prospect of getting money from the government is not an unpleasant one. However, it is not the responsible thing for America.

I do not like Governor Bush as a person, or a prospective leader of our nation. However, he is an official elected to office by the people, and as such I have referred to him by title even when criticizing him. During the debates, however, the Governor would not even extend Vice-President Gore this same courtesy. Governor Bush repeatedly referred to the Vice President as "that man" or "this man". Toward the end debate, Governor Bush resorted to mudslinging tactics against the Vice President who, to his credit, did not return the slander. Instead, Vice President Gore rose above this petty squabbling, and exhorted all Americans to focus on the current issues taking place in our nation.

Governor Bush does not belong in the oval office. Do the right thing for America. Don't vote for the "W".

Too much time for the Olympics or too little

By Jake Johnson



A couple of weeks ago the 29th Olympiad started; a couple weeks later it ended. Yeah, that's right, it sure did. A lot of us didn't know about it. The Olympics were aired on one channel for about four or five hours each night.

Our country was the number one finisher, and the networks didn't even care enough to show the public that we excelled in so many sports. The games would go on all day long and yet although we knew this, we only saw the last four or five hours of it each night. They even had the audacity to charge money on pay-per-view channels to watch the finals of some events, but it's all over now. Maybe at the next Olympics we will be able to watch our men and women take another Olympic number one title in Greece.

We asked you

By John S. Waterman

"We Asked You" is an opinion column in which a wandering reporter takes to the hallways of SSC and—at the risk of life, limb, and property damage—quizzes students and faculty alike on one question, which changes quarterly. This first quarter, in the spirit of the Presidential Election, the question was (drum roll):

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ELECTION?
WHICH CANDIDATE WOULD YOU VOTE FOR AND WHY?

The responses are as follows. All who participated gave permission for their quotes to be printed. The Rock-A-Chaw is not responsible for any legal action that may result as an unfortunate byproduct of this column.

"I don't pay attention to politics, but from what I can tell, both aren't too bright; whatever."

—DeLance Boggs, Assistant Editor, Senior

"I think both people are petty; they use fake numbers and "great ideas" to obtain a job."

—Britt Hormanski, Junior

"I think Gore is boring and he is lying to the American People. I think Bush is the only one

who will get anything done."

—Miles Landrem, Senior

"I wish Dick Cheney was the Presidential Candidate."

—Bro. Malcolm Melcher, Chemistry and Religion III

"I hope that after this election, when I say the President's name, there aren't snickers all over the classroom."

—Coach Steve Flannery, Cross-Country, English III Honors, English 7

"The race is very close because of all the contradictory issues. I hope that the person who does win will be able to lead our country and be a good role model."

—Mrs. Brandy Schruoff, French I-IV, ESL

"They're both complete idiots, but Gore is a bigger one."

—Anonymous

"I think the 'W' is the Winner."

—Chris Mensi, Vice President of Key Club, Senior

"They are both political worms with no concept of Democracy. Politics is very corrupt, and the Government needs to be reformed."

—Andrew Nestor, Senior

"I'm voting for Bush, because Al Gore looked like an old woman for the debate."

—Kent Maddox, Senior

"Gore, because I won't vote for a fascist."

—Joel O. Tate II, Lt. Governor of Key Club, Senior

"I think Bush's platform suits more people. I think he will get more changes made."

—Mrs. Renee Hamm, English IV, English IV AP

"None of the candidates appeal to me"

—Chris Harrison, Senior

"I like Gore, because he has the most experience"

—Kris Cannon, Senior

"I'm waiting for the election to get interesting. Right now it's very boring. But after the election, I hope some dignity is restored to the Presidency."

—Coach Louis Burg, Cross-Country, US History, Law-Related Education

"Neither. They're both the same. And I don't vote, because it encourages the Republicrats."

—Coach Dave Kenson, Varsity football, Strength Training, Health

Welcome Back!

By John S. Waterman

At the beginning of the last school year, SSC carried on without one of our teachers and coaches, Mr. Stan Dellenger. Coach Dellenger was absent for the first quarter due to open-heart surgery he underwent that summer. Things were not quite the same without him here at SSC. Mrs. Bradbrook, who teaches in the room next to Coach Dellenger's room, noted, "I was really glad to see Coach Dellenger return; things are so orderly next door when he's home."

Unfortunately, two more SSC people underwent heart surgery. Mr. Genin, Principal of Discipline, who has been at SSC for sixteen years, had triple bypass heart surgery on June 28th of this year. "My heart problems were caused by thirty-two years of heart damage due to diabetes," said Mr. Genin. Having firsthand experience with this problem, Mr. Genin tries to remind SSC student diabetics to take good care of themselves. Mr. Genin also wishes to express his thanks to everyone at SSC. "My family and I are grateful for all of the prayers and support during my illness. I would especially like to thank Coach Dellenger and Brother Ronald Tal-

bot who advised me about the procedure, having had it themselves, and who told me what to expect during and after surgery. Thanks also to Brother Ronald Hingle and to Mr. Gemelli for keeping my spirits up. I appreciate the help from Mrs. Estrade and Mr. Cherota, who covered my administrative duties while I was out. And, I thank Mrs. Ann Holder for good wishes and all the sports magazines that helped me get through my recuperation time at home."

Mr. Dale Moran, a history teacher at SSC for eighteen years, recently returned to his classroom after open-heart surgery this summer. Mr. Moran expressed his feelings about the support he received. "My wife and I would like to thank the SSC family for all of their prayers, cards, encouragement, and support during my recent illness. Special thanks go out to Brother Ronald Hingle for the visits and the understanding, to Mr. Genin for talking me through many hard times by sharing his own experiences, to Mr. Labat and Miss Glynn Walker for taking classes for me, to the many faculty, students, and staff who prayed for my recovery. God bless all of you."

SSC is happy to welcome all of you back!

Attention theater goers!



By John S. Waterman

The St. Stanislaus Drama Club will present the Mississippi premiere of *Touch the Names* by Randall Myler on December 4th, 2000 at a dinner theater at OLG community center. Also presented will be a one-act version of *Pygmalion*, George Bernard Shaw's comedy on British manners and mores, complete with British accents. *Touch the Names* is based on letter and mementos left at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC. This play has been produced only once before.

Both plays will be directed by Mrs. Terry Carr. When asked about her expectations for the productions, Mrs. Carr replied, "Our actors and actresses are extremely talented and will present a versatile and interesting evening of entertainment."

The casts for the plays are as follows:

TOUCH THE NAMES:

Dustin Tasker
Ashley Timidaski
John Waterman
Ashley Nelson
Preston Ellis
Alicia Asper
Kyle Fagan
Brady Bordelon
Julie Reboul

Guitars:

Paul Thibodeaux
Luis Aguiar Gonzales

PYGMALION

Dustin Tasker—Professor Higgins
Ashley Timidaski—Eliza Doolittle
John Waterman—Colonel Pickering
Erin Stechmann—Mrs. Pearce

Team Trivia Tournament

Are you ready for this year's Team Trivia Tournament. It will take place on October 26, 2000 from 7-9 PM. Here are some examples of questions that were given during last year's tournament.

Answers:

- 1.) What does "CPR" stand for?
- 2.) What does "DOS" stand for?
- 3.) What is the mascot of Duke University?
- 4.) What is the mascot of Purdue University?
- 5.) Who said, "I have not yet begun to fight"?
- 6.) Who said, "There's a sucker born every minute"?
- 7.) In what city would you find the Loop, Sears Tower, and the Magnificent Mile?
- 9.) In what year did the Titanic sink?
- 10.) When was JFK assassinated?
- 11.) Who washed his hands before crucifying Jesus?
- 12.) What island housed a hospital for lepers?
- 13.) Who wrote *The Catcher in the Rye*?
- 14.) "Necrophobia" is a fear of what?
- 15.) For what movie did Dustin Hoffman win an Oscar in 1988?



- 1.) Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
- 2.) Disk Operating System
- 3.) Blue Devils
- 4.) Boilermakers
- 5.) John Paul Jones
- 6.) P.T. Barnum
- 7.) New York
- 8.) Chicago
- 9.) 1912
- 10.) 1963
- 11.) Pontius Pilate
- 12.) Molai
- 13.) J.D. Salinger
- 14.) Death
- 15.) "Rain Man"



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BRAIN TEASERS

Using just a 5-gallon bucket and a 3-gallon bucket, can you put four gallons of water in the 5-gallon bucket? (Assume that you have an unlimited supply of water and that there are no measurement markings of any kind on the buckets.)

You are stranded on an island off the coast of Florida with an expensive diamond, a suitcase, and a lock with its key. You need to send the diamond to your friend who lives in Miami. The only means of transportation is a guy with a canoe. However, you find out that the guy is a thief and will steal anything you send to your friend except a locked suitcase. He will steal a suitcase that is not locked and all of its components, as well as any individual items (i.e. a key or a lock). You are allowed to communicate with your friend via an old phone line that you discovered as you were roaming the island. How can you send the diamond to your friend? (Hints: you have the only key to the lock, the suitcase cannot be broken, and no: a helicopter cannot fly and pick it up).

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Rocks come up big in division tournament



Point Guard Aaron Dunklin looks to pass against the Bay High Tigers in a District Contest.

By: Dawson McCall

The St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaw basketball team continued their dominance in Division 7-4A league play during the 2000 division tournament. The Rocks, who tallied a 13-1 regular season record within the division, put together

back-to-back winning performances to claim the division championship for the 1999-'00 season. After handily beating the Hancock Hawks in the first round by a score of 72-47, the Rocks outplayed the Petal Panthers and the Picayune Maroon Tide on successive nights to claim the title.

In the semi-finals the Rocks ended the Petal Panthers' season with a 48-34 victory after trailing by a point at the half. The following night, in front of an electric crowd of over 3000 people, the Rocks downed defending champion Picayune by a margin of 51-49. After trailing by two at the half and by as much as seven in the third period, the Rocks turned up the heat on defense, forcing Picayune point guard Adrienne Payton into several key turnovers in the fourth period. After taking a one point lead at the end of the third quarter the Rock-A-Chaws relied on their tenacious defense to hold the Tide to just six points in the final period, riding the free-throw shooting of seniors Stephen Peterman and

Aaron Dunklin to preserve the victory.

"We just wanted it more," was the comment of senior center Ben Ladner, who came up big for the Rocks late in the season with his inside play on defense and on the boards. "We came into this season expecting to win the division title. We felt all year long that we were the best team in the division." The Rocks sure solidified that fact, if there was any doubt about their supremacy in Division 7-4A. Over the last three years the Rocks have amassed a record of 34-8 within division play, going 25-3 for the past two of those years, and have played for the division title the past two years, coming up just short last year and bringing home the gold this year.

So, for the third time in twice as many years your St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws have brought home the division crown. With All-Division honors going to Zeke Davis, J.R. "Grady" Willis, and Brandon Arcement, and Jason Santiago being named the Division 7-4A Defensive Player of the Year, the Rock-A-Chaws would like to thank you, the student body, for your support throughout this season. We couldn't have done it without you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SSC VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH JAY LADNER WHO WAS AGAIN NAMED "COACH OF THE YEAR" FOR DIVISION 7-AAAA.



BROTHER PIERRE, A WELL-KNOWN FACE AT SSC, PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HERE HE IS PICTURED AT THE SSC NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CAROLING. BROTHER PIERRE SERVED AS SSC PRESIDENT FROM 1969 TO 1975. MANY REMEMBER SEEING HIM WORKING IN THE STUDENT BOOKSTORE AND ON THE MOVE AROUND CAMPUS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF US.



OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Mardi Gras: Traditions, Customs, and Facts

By Guy Van Slyke

Being located approximately an hour (driving distance) away from the great metropolis of New Orleans, most Saint Stanislaus students have probably grown accustomed to the sights and sounds of Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras is a week long festival celebrated in many parts of the world, but celebrated most enthusiastically in New Orleans. Mardi Gras means "Fat Tuesday" and of course is celebrated on that day of the week. The date can fall between February 3 and March 9 depending on the Catholic Church. Mardi Gras is always 47 days before Easter Sunday. This year Mardi Gras falls on March 7th.

Though many of us are familiar with Mardi Gras, a great number of us aren't educated about the customs and traditions behind it. Mardi Gras came to New Orleans through its French heritage in 1699. Early explorers celebrated this French holiday on the banks of the Mississippi River. Throughout the years, New Orleanians have added to the celebration by establishing organizations, which host both parades and balls. The carnival quickly became an exciting holiday for both children and adults. The official colors for Mardi Gras are purple, green, and gold. These colors were chosen in 1872 by the King of Carnival, Rex. He chose

these colors for the following:

- Purple represents justice
- Green stands for faith
- Gold stands for power

The Mardi Gras season begins about two weeks before Fat Tuesday. During those two weeks, parades can be viewed nightly and on weekends. Almost all businesses are closed for Lundi Gras (Fat Monday) and for Mardi Gras itself. People from all over the world come to New Orleans to enjoy this extravagant holiday.

Though New Orleans has one of the most highly publicized Mardi Gras festivals, Mardi Gras is not exclusive to this city. In Mexico, many cities have Mardi Gras festivals (called Carnivals). These Carnival celebrations vary in size, but the biggest events take place in the port cities, with the largest of all in Mazatlan. Mazatlan's Carnival is said to attract well over 300,000 people, making it the third largest such event behind Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans. Port towns such as Ensenada, La Paz, and Veracruz are also excellent places to watch Carnival festivities.

If you're looking for a festival of dancing, costumes, music, fireworks, food, drink and just being wild and crazy...then Mardi Gras is the holiday for you. People worldwide certainly know how to celebrate this holiday in style.



Rabbit In The Moon, Remixes: Volume 2

By John Sumner

From the very beginning one is swept into the currents of this CD. This is yet another great "remixes" album brought out by Rabbit In The Moon. This LP contains remixes from such groups as Smashing Pumpkins and Delirium.

Released in late 1999 this is by far the second greatest CD brought out by Rabbit In The Moon, the first of course being FLORIDA, which was released in the summer of '99. With their upbeat drum n bass style of music, the CD has somewhat of a strange, peaceful feel to it as if nothing really matters, and one enters into his own world apart from the others. One feels as if the drum n bass are taken over by a feeling of serenity, and then the feel turns into progressive trance. Although there are a few songs that bring the old school feeling back in with some older sounds, these actually take the listener by surprise, and not even realizing it, the music has found yet another way to suck one into the world of electronica. This CD can be found at any decent music store around. I say this because I know the closest music store around here is Biloxi at Edgewater Mall and that's not really a very reliable store when looking for different branches of electronica music.

Anyway, this CD is great and in my professional opinion, I give it a 9.0 on a scale of 10. If you enjoy trance or if you just want to hear great remixes of some popular artists, this CD is a must on your shopping list.

"Scream" takes another stab at it

By T.J. McKeough

"In a trilogy anything goes. All bets are off," says one character of movie trilogies. Yes, Scream was originally intended as a trilogy. When Scream was first made, they knew that two more would follow. This is the last one; no more will be made. If another one is made, it is known that no one involved in the making of the first two movies will sign on. It cannot be taken beyond a third movie. This final movie brings back its three main characters from the first two movies. Neve Campbell reprises her role as Sidney Prescott, the center of the Scream universe, one last time. David Arquette is once again the nice but somewhat slow, Dewey Riley. Finally, Courtney Cox returns as Gail Weathers, the story hungry reporter. The director of the first two movies, Wes Craven, returns. The movie also has a slew of new and old faces of entertainment. Jenny McCarthy and Lance Henriksen are just a couple.

Scream 3 takes place on a movie set in Hollywood. A movie called Stab 3 is being filmed. As usual, the movie starts off with the killing of a famous person. Unlike in the other two movies, this killing is not only used as a movie opener. It is also important to the movie. This movie is full of horror, comedy, and suspense. It blends supernatural horror, ghosts, with the slasher type of horror.

A good thing about the movie is that it gives closure to the fans of the other two movies. Everything is found out. There are no more secrets left. Every question that one has of the movie is finally answered. All loose ends are brought together and everything is linked together. The killer is also quite a surprise. It is someone that you would never think of, but I will not give it away. I will not spoil it for you, the viewer. I recommend going to see this movie. It was not as good as the first movie, but it was a whole lot better than the second.



SPORTS

SSC soccer carries on winning tradition



Members of the SSC Varsity and Junior Varsity soccer teams crowd around Coach Kivlan.

By: Dawson McCall

Once again the SSC soccer team completed a very successful season, advancing to the state semi-finals and posting a record of 23-8. "Although we would have liked to advance further, I am very pleased with the team this year," said Coach Andrew Kivlan. "The guys played hard throughout the season and right up to the final buzzer. I am extremely proud of them and am looking forward to next season."

The SSC soccer team has enjoyed a great amount of success over the last decade. With two state championships and trips to the state playoffs every year, the Rocks have established themselves as one of the premier soccer programs in the state. This year's Rocks were led by the play of experienced seniors such as John Rich, Ken Harshbarger, Ed Flores, and a host of talented underclassmen. Although the Rocks did not advance as far as they would have liked this year, the future looks bright once again for the Rock-A-Chaw soccer program.

Sailing 2000

By: Todd Geary and Garrett Mann

The first sailing practice for the 2000 season began on Valentine's Day. The team meets every Monday and Wednesday with the OLA team to practice sailing 420s at the Pass Christian Yacht Club. Mrs. Schmidt organizes and moderates the team's practices and races. The team is led by its senior skippers David Taylor, BJ Keel, and Emily Taylor. Sophomore Ben Pucket is up for accommodation of skipper but will have to compete in the February 26th elimination.

The first race of the season (March 11th) is the Mallory Qualifier during the Mardi Gras holidays at the Southern New Orleans Yacht Club. Qualifying in this race will send us to compete in the Mallory Cup (Long Beach, CA) during early May. The following afternoon (March 12th) will be the Baker Qualifier. The Baker Cup is being held in Norfolk, Virginia, during late May. Both of these competitions will be done in a team racing form with two boats on the course at a time.

Track and field holds promises for more championships

By: Dawson McCall

As the fall sports begin, there are few teams who have dominated a sport the way our track and field team has over the last decade. With seven division titles in the last eight years the Rock-A-Chaws have proven time and time again that they are the athletes to beat in division 7-4A. Returning for the Rock-A-Chaws are state qualifiers Christian Nemes (800 meter run) and Willie "Bubba" Golden (shot put) as well as a host of South State and Regional qualifiers. The Rocks also return 100 meter dash division champ Kris Cannon and two legs of the 4 by 100 meter and the 4 by 200 meter relay teams. Also returning for the Rocks are 400 meter sprinter T.J. McKeough and eighth grade miler Kyle Lewis, who promises to be a top runner in the division and state for the next five years.

The future looks good so far for this year's edition of the Rock-A-Chaw track and field team; however, I can't say the same for the rest of the division.

April 8th

Day of Sailing lessons given by the SSC-OLA Sailing Team

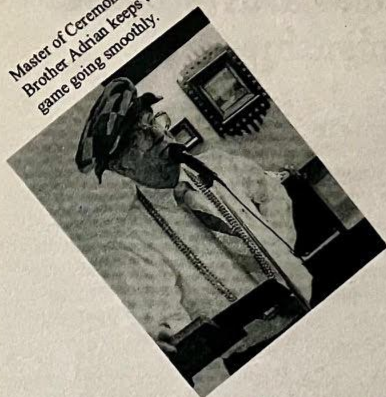
\$10 per person for 1 hour lesson

Held at Pass Christian Yacht Club 10:00-4:00

Contact Mrs. Schmidt or a member of the team for information

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Master of Ceremonies
Brother Adrian keeps the
game going smoothly.



Brother Albert takes a scor-
ing break.



A Night of Trivia



A masked Kenny Harshbarger smiles during a "Night of Trivia."



Mr. Genin has the right answer.

Mathcounts

By Andrew Waterman

The SSC Mathcounts team, directed by Brother Ronald Talbot, competed Saturday, February 28 at William Carey College in a district competition. Stanislaus placed second out of nine schools, that were also present at the competition. Seventh grader Parker Wishik placed seventh out of thirty-six students in the individual competition. Eighth grader Andrew Waterman placed fifth in the individual competition and will advance to state competition in Jackson.

Mathcounts is a nationally-based organization formed to spark interest in mathematics. Seventh and eight grade students can participate in these challenging and enriching competitions.



Quizlers

By Kenny Harshbarger

The SSC Quiz Bowl Team, directed by Mrs. Hamm had a very exciting year with a 9-15 record and a third place out of twelve teams. SSC also "bawled" its way to the "lightning round" two times. Its individual highlights included Dustin Tasker who finished fourth in total number of points while Mike Giardino followed with a seventh place finish in points. Although Dustin and Mike spearheaded SSC in the point category, Jordan Blaize, John Rich, Edward Flores, Mylon Labat, Neil Norton, Nimai Hedemark, and myself Ken Harshbarger saw action as well.

EDITORIALS

Does the media have the right?

By Chase Behlen and Blake Bilbo

There is a controversy that is often disputed in the world of journalism: should the media expose certain information to the public? The exposure of some information has cost the United States millions of dollars. One such incident happened during the Cold War. The following are two opposing viewpoints:

Knowledge is Power

By Patrick Clark

Taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent. If one makes an investment, he should be able to keep up with its progress. When the government tries to protect the people by keeping them ignorant, the people are not really being protected; they are being made more vulnerable. Is it better to be ignorant and safe or knowledgeable and in danger? Knowledge may open one up for hurt, but it also allows one to conquer what he now knows.

Some government officials argue that the media harms the public, and in at least one case, the media wasted the taxpayers' dollars, millions of them. In 1973, the U.S. Navy began an expedition to recover a USSR sub, K-129, which had sunk to the floor of the Pacific Ocean. It was believed lost until American sonar technology located it. The U.S. Navy fed a line to the public about millionaire Howard Hughes's intention to build a huge ship (Glomar Explorer) to search the ocean floor for minerals, when secretly the ship's target was something other than minerals. When investigative reporters revealed the true mission of the Glomar Explorer, that of retrieving Soviet sub K-129, the ship became useless to the navy. It had been specifically designed at great cost to be able to lift the sub with a huge iron claw hidden within its hull. Now that the secret was out, the ship could no longer be used ostensibly to mine the ocean floor for minerals, and the Glomar Explorer was retired to the navy's ghost yard. If the U.S. Navy had not lied to the American people, there would not have been such a huge waste of money.

It is said that the best way to keep a people in control is to keep them ignorant, but that is not supposed to matter in a democracy, where we are all equals. Yet, the United States Government seems to think it is okay for the public to be dragged into dangerous missions, use taxpayers' money to fund these missions, and then not tell the public what is really going on. One more note: the K-129 was a nuclear submarine carrying nuclear missiles, one of which was ejected from the sub as it was raised from the depths by the iron claw. It descended toward the ocean floor

minus a potentially devastating nuclear explosion and immediate Soviet awareness and reaction.

The Media Blew the Lid

By: Guy Van Slyke

I think that the media should respect the privacy or certain information if the exposure of this information could cause serious problems for United States citizens. Such was the case with the Glomar Explorer, which was built under the cover that it was a deep-sea mining ship; the public readily accepted this information. In all actuality, it was a state of the art lost submarine rescue ship. It was designed to retrieve the Soviet submarine K-129, which was equipped with three nuclear warheads and Soviet technological secrets that could have greatly advanced the U.S.'s cause in the Cold War. The Glomar Explorer was also equipped with a huge claw the size of a football field, which would be used to pick the Soviet K-129 off the bottom of the ocean. It took two days for the claw to finally reach the ocean floor after first being placed in the waters of the Pacific. Three of the fingers of the claw briefly got stuck in the bottom of the ocean floor, but were still functional and the claw wrapped up the sub on the 2nd try. Halfway through the raising of the submarine, the three fingers of the claw that scrapped the ocean floor broke loose, and the sub started slipping. At this point a nuclear warhead slipped out and fell to the ocean floor; it did not explode. The Soviet sub then broke up and only about 1/3 of its remained in the claw. The claw was finally raised to the ship, and neither warheads nor technological secrets were discovered on the remaining 1/3...only dead Soviets. Though this mission was a complete and total failure, the U.S. military at least took solace in the fact that they now had the technology to retrieve lost subs from the ocean floor. That was until the media blew the lid off the story and informed the public about what the Glomar Explorer really was. The Glomar Explorer is now currently collecting cobwebs and has been doing so for the past 25 years. If it is seen at sea, it would be quite obvious what we were trying to do, retrieve a submarine. So as a result of the media not respecting the privacy of certain situations, the protection and safety of the American public and an amazing technological advance has been sacrificed.

How can we let the government keep us ignorant when what they do always affects us, or is there just some information better left untold? Readers, what do you think?

Super Bowl review

By Peyton Cuevas

This year's Super Bowl was one of the few Super Bowls which was not a one-sided game. The St. Louis Rams and the Tennessee Titans were the two teams that battled it out to the very last seconds of the game. The Titans have come a long way during this season and so have the Rams. No one really expected to see these two teams end up in the championship game. The score stayed tight throughout the game. The Rams seemed to always be on top, and they were on top at the last second of the game. The Titans did put a valiant effort in all the way to the last second of the game, but the Rams ended up on top 23 to 16.

The Titans have had many great come backs throughout their season. One of the greatest plays of the year was performed by the Titans in their first playoff game against the Buffalo Bills. The Rams have also had a great, unexpected season of wins. This is what makes Super Bowls interesting, when underdog teams overcome what is said to be impossible, and this is what both of these teams have done.

The Titans claim they will be back next year to give it another shot. They seem to be a very determined team. Both of these teams were very well coached throughout the season. Dick Vermeil brought the Rams, who were ranked low at the beginning of the season, all the way to the Super Bowl, and he retired on a high note for his coaching career. At the beginning of the season Titans coach Jeff Fisher was told if he did not have a winning season he would be fired; he gave a "super" response to that ultimatum. Now all we need is a miracle for our beloved Saints.

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A spiritual day in the sun



Sixth grade teacher Mrs. Carol Gordon and some of her students enjoy the sunshine during their retreat.

By Garrett Mann

On Friday, February 18th, the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes attended retreats which were times of sharing, reflecting, listening, and learning. Throw in a few human pyramids, and the day was more than complete. Human pyramids? Well, after serious reflection time when many students shared their answers to questions about prayer and its role in our lives, pent up energies needed expression time also. For the eighth grade students, the human pyramids were especially entertaining outlets of expression.

Mr. Brock Rock seemed totally in charge of this pyramid undertaking. The grass outside OLG Community Center proved the perfect matting for students who climbed atop each other in attempts to form the perfect pyramid. This, of course, was not the total feat: the top participant in the pyramid then had to ingest an apple while maintaining his balance. This was not an easy task given the fact that the student's arms were engaged in holding on for dear life, and therefore, his apple had to be fed to him by those below. Needless to say it was a bit messy, but all seemed to enjoy the experience. Happily, there were no tumbles to the ground even though many of the pyramids' foundations looked shaky. Marc Belizaire successfully gobbled his apple in the shortest time, and he and his pyramid claimed the prize for first place.

Later eighth grade students meandered to the SSC pier where a thoughtful prayer was spoken by Mr. Rock. The mood was meditative and students basked in the sunshine and uplifting sound of the spiritual moment presented over the water, as they listened to the story of Jesus telling the fishermen to go out again and cast their nets.

The day had begun with an interesting talk by Mr. Ryan Carlin about religious tolerance, and students later shared their reactions to the talk in their small groups. Overall, there was much listening time, talk time, and fun time. After a lunch of pizza and chips, students played ultimate volleyball and Frisbee on the sand. The day closed for the eighth grade with a mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Church. Father Peter Mockler said mass and

added his own reflections about truly listening to others.

Here are some reflections about this retreat day: "More than what I expected."-James Surgi 6th Grade

"First time I ate milk and cookies in a tree."-Chris D'Silva 6th Grade

"We flew kites and drew."-Daniel Mortimer 6th Grade

"It was a lot of fun and free time." "I want to do it again."-Chris Hoobler 6th Grade

"We found crabs."-Bobby Deitz 6th Grade

"I would like to do it again."-David New 6th Grade

Quotes from the 7th and 8th grades

"I felt that the retreat helped me to become closer to God, made new friends and became more open-minded." Michael Iskander 8th grade

"The retreat was very nice. I was in a spiritual mood and it let me hear and see some of the other sides of people." Andrew Walsh 8th grade

"I think the mass was a very good and relaxing end to the day." Scott Wilder 8th grade

"The retreat provided me with the time to get to know God in a greater sense and become a closer friend with Him through prayer and meditation." Tyler Gallagher 8th grade

"The best thing about the retreat was the meditation because it brought me closer to God and calmed me down after a hard week of school." Marshall Ticer 8th grade

"What was nice about the retreat was when our group went into the church and had a moment of solitude while we meditated." Jake Johnson 8th grade

"My meditation was really awesome that day." Zach Delaney 8th grade

"We got off from school and the regular hectic schedule to take a break, to relax." Mason Hester 8th grade

"The retreat was good for me when I felt tranquil on the pier listening to the waves." Miller Gordon 8th grade

"After the activities (beach, apple-eating contest, etc) we relaxed a little and I thought about how nice it was to have done these things as a group and come closer to God." Dustin Broekman 8th grade

"The most enjoyable part of the retreat was when we did the meditation on the beach." Michael Peacock 8th grade

"It was relaxing, calm, and fun because I was with my friends and closer to God." Hunter Landgrave 8th grade

"It was great fun" Brett Bentz 7th grade
"We had a good time." Christian Walter 7th grade

Riding the Wave

Trey Schorr

This article is another update on 9th grade English. *The Wave* is a book by Todd Strasser. It is based on an actual event that happened in the late 1960s. A high school history teacher decided to hold a classroom experiment to show his students what Germany was like during World War II.

He begins by telling them that if they follow him, they will get money and power. The experiment has almost a brainwashing effect on the students. The students are going around the school giving the "Wave salute," and shouting the mottoes: "Strength through Discipline, Strength through Community, Strength through Action."

The school newspaper publishes a special issue exposing all of the truths about the Wave. People have been beaten up, students are being bullied into joining, and the football team is still losing. The teacher finally realizes what he has created and announces a special Wave meeting. During the course of this meeting, he declares that they all "would have made good Nazis." He teaches them never to follow a leader blindly and to always think for themselves.

Now that the Wave has been ridden, we have moved on to poetry. The classes are learning about Wordsworth, Blake, and Shakespeare, and even writing their own poems. After poetry, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* will be studied.

Art class

By Brett Hode

Art probably the single most neglected part of modern curriculum. It is the one class that builds both maturity and develops your appreciation for the Fine Arts. The art program at SSC is one of the better ones on the coast. There aren't very many students who take Art classes after the one credit required to graduate, but the ones who do continue to learn to be proficient at drawing.

Many people enjoy drawing but few do it properly. You should start with a light rough sketch, using only geometric forms. Then slowly you want to build upon your image by shading first lightly, then building on medium and dark gradients. Then you must add more and more detail into your drawing. Intro to Fine Art classes recently learned this while they completed their first work, an animal sketch. They are currently working on the human head, which some consider to be much harder. Personally it's far easier. More detail and facial expressions give your drawing the proper expression. There is always the problem of shading the pictures to just the right shades of gray or black. That isn't the main problem: the true difficulties come from trying to make the portrait appear three dimensional by making it look like you were staring the person in the face. Facial features are always bothersome to the rookie artist; there are always some details you leave out that keep your portrait from achieving perfection, but the more you work at it, the better you will become.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

An insight in the future



By Patrick Clark

The Insight from Honda is the first gasoline-electric hybrid to be sold in the United States. Honda's Integrated Motor Assist (IMA), is what makes this hybrid system possible. This IMA consists of an all new 1.0 liter, 3-cylinder engine with an ultra-thin electric motor. The Insight does get most of its power from a regular

VTEC engine, so if it runs out of gas it can not run purely on electric power. There is no external power supply needed for recharging the batteries. The batteries are charged with an innovative braking system. Energy from the forward momentum is captured during braking; this energy is then used to recharge the batteries. Yet perhaps the most impressive feature of the Insight is that it gets 70 miles per gallon of gasoline (EPA highway estimate). Therefore, one may be able to drive 700 miles between fill-ups. Thanks to this IMA system the Insight has met California's Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle standard. This is a hard standard to meet, and the Insight has met it, and is one of the world's cleanest cars.

Beneath this car's sleek, futuristic design is an all-aluminum body and frame, which were based on the Acura NSX sports car. This lightweight frame and body makes a car that weighs well under 2,000 pounds.

The Insight not only meets federal safety standards, but it exceeds these safety standards. It offers dual airbags, an anti-lock braking system (ABS), steel door beams, 3-point seat belts, and a front crash zone. The Insight also meets the 2003 safety standards for side impact and head-injury protection.

The Insight hit dealerships on December 15, and is being sold for less than \$19,000. Yet, the Insight with factory-installed automatic climate control will be priced at \$20,080. Honda expects that most of their sales will come from "engineers" who are interested in the new technology. The next group of buyers will probably be "young, single, urban drivers." Honda then estimates that their third groups of buyers will be multi-car families who are attracted to the Insight's impressive high fuel efficiency. So, one could say that Honda is very confident in the success of their new "electric car."

Featured creatures

By: Keith Crawford

In the last edition I talked of the rare and beautiful, white tiger, white lion, and the amur leopard. In this article I will talk of the cheetah, the gray wolf, and the great white. If you haven't guessed, I am choosing the rare or almost extinct animals because these are in danger of disappearing forever. It is my hope that these articles will help to raise awareness for these animals.

The cheetah is a graceful and beautiful cat. Known to run at speeds of seventy miles per hour in short bursts, its small light bone structure and long strides make it built for speed. The tail of the cheetah acts as a rudder making it easy for quick turns. The cheetah is yellow with black spots as most people know, but it has a tear mark as well, which may or may not reduce the sun's glare underneath its eye. The oldest known fossil of a cheetah is four million years old and was found in North America, but during the last ice age the cheetahs on North America died out. The word cheetah comes from a Hindu word meaning, "spotted one."

Unlike the name implies, the gray wolf does not have to be gray but can also be black or white. Wolves run in packs, the head being the Alpha male, and the Beta being the lowest of the pack. The Beta is often picked on by the other members of the pack and can only move up if another cub takes his place. The adult wolves

have forty-two teeth and can weigh up to 110 lbs. The females can have four to six pups in each litter, but the mortality rate is high at 40% to 60% dying. Average pack size totals twelve to fifteen in Minnesota, and this rate is higher in Alaska and Canada. On average they move at five miles per hour, but can go up to thirty-five miles per hour in a chase. In America there is an average of 2,385 wolves in the wild, their main threats being deforestation and hunting by humans. Wolves are commonly shown as the enemies, but it is not so, and as we learn more, our views of them change.

The great white shark, probably the best known water predator, is always considered the most dangerous. Its streamline body design allows quick movement in the water. The arrowhead shaped teeth are excellent for biting through bones and meat. But, the shark does not hold on to its prey like many people would think. It bites them rather quickly and then waits for them to bleed to death. The reason for this is that if the prey were to struggle, then it would break the teeth. The largest of the sharks recorded was a specimen caught off the of Long Island, and it weighed 4,500 lbs! It was seventeen and a half feet long. Though the shark is known as a man killer, it has proven that divers bear a resemblance to the shark's natural prey, seals, and the sharks attack people for that reason.

A criminal trip

By David Billiot

On Thursday, February 24, the Introduction to the Mystery Novel class visited the New Orleans Crime Laboratory to take a better look at the real life processes that follow along with what the class has been studying. The material being covered up until the time of the trip dealt with analysis of crimes, crime scenes, fingerprinting, handwriting interpretation, and other forms of recognizing and understanding criminals.

With the aide of police officials and criminal investigators the class observed how many procedures are actually done in real life. First, we were told about the fingerprint records that were kept on file and how they organized them. This crime lab is where all the documents are kept for the entire state of Louisiana. Whenever there is an investigation and any information needed involving fingerprints, gun traces, and other facts the state comes to them.

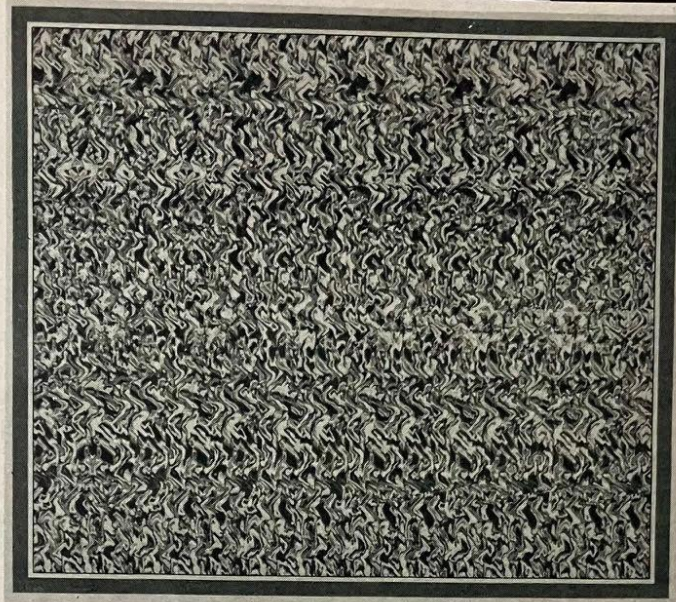
In our tour of the building we were shown some of the advanced technology that is used today. In one room we were shown a gun tank which is basically a large, rectangular box filled with water that is used for shooting a gun into so that the bullet can be easily retrieved and can help in tracing a certain bullet back to a certain gun.

Another room was filled with computer equipment that can search through a national database in order to locate someone's fingerprints. We were also shown many ways to recover a person's prints from different types of surfaces and environments. We used dusting, magnetic inking, ultraviolet light, and several other procedures to get what is needed. Other things that we were shown were different types of guns that can be hidden almost anywhere: in a motorcycle's throttle handle, a cell phone, and even a .22 caliber gun concealed in a beeper.

The trip was very interesting and educational and I feel that more classes should be able to take these trips so that we can see how the things we are learning in school are really used in life. If I had the chance to go again, I know I would.

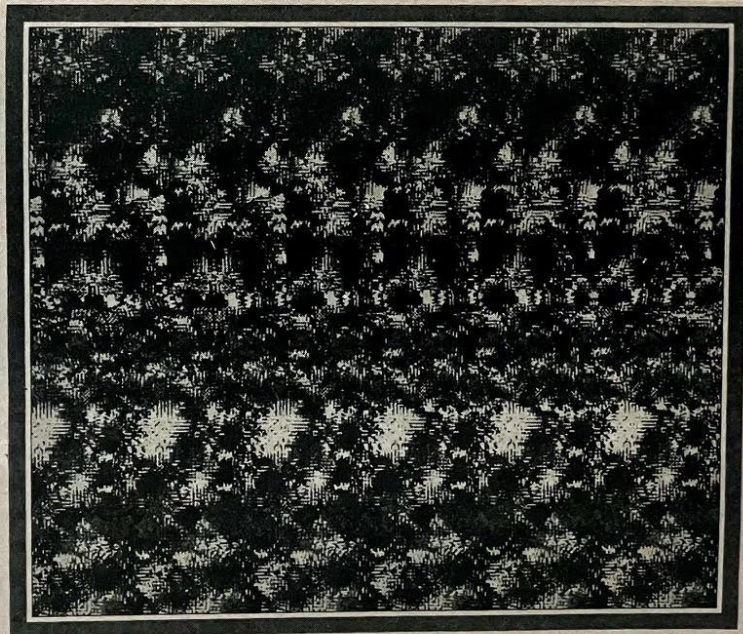


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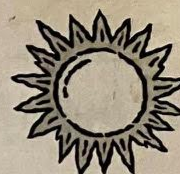
- 1.) HOW DO YOU SPELL "HARD WATER" IN JUST THREE LETTERS???
- 2.) WHAT WORD STARTS WITH AN "E" AN USUALLY CONTAINS ONE LETTER???
- 3.) WHERE CAN TODAY MEET YESTERDAY???



1.) ICE

2.) Letter

3.) A Museum.



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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By: Patrick Clark and Kunal Patel

The 1999-2000 SSC school year carried on in the wake of Millennium mania, political controversies, Microsoft misgivings, and sports miracles, just to name a few major events. All the lights did not go out on New Year's Eve, and all those bottles of water and stored canned goods really weren't necessary for survival. Potential U. S. presidents sparred with each other and aimed the usual mud in debates and campaigns. The Elian Gonzalez controversy continues to rage on with no clear solutions in sight. Microsoft's monopoly was called to a halt, or a supposed one. Certainly there was plentiful news in the sports world, but perhaps one of the most notable happenings was the triumphant return of Andres Gallaraga to the Atlanta Braves. Early in the season, Gallaraga was leading the race for home runs. Having recovered from cancer, Gallaraga showed that miracles do happen, and SSC saw one in the recovery and return of senior Bobby Holbrook, who had been seriously injured earlier in the school year.

There were other triumphs for SSC, especially in sports. We had a great football season, but many students feel we needed more pep rallies

for such an exciting season. We witnessed a growth in interest in the Brother Aubert Memorial Fishing Rodeo. The Varsity Basketball Team captured the District Championship and went on to the first round of



At far right, SSC President Brother Ronald Talbot and Principal Brother Ronald Hingle lead students in the Big Brother, Little Brother Ceremony at the beginning of the school year.

the State Tournament. Baseball, track, soccer, tennis, golf, and swimming teams all enjoyed good seasons. A popular improvement for both students and staff was one in the lunch program; the weekly menus were a hit. "You get a lot more food and they offer good seasoning," said senior Peyton Cuevas. Teacher

Mrs. Cynthia Clark agreed when she said, "There is much variety, and the food is very good. I enjoy it very much."

Also this year we were blessed with three new Millennium Babies: Mr. Genin's baby, Mrs. Schade's baby, and Mrs. Cousin's grandchild. Yet, we know that birth is not the only part of life which we faced this year. We lost two members of our SSC family, and we still miss both Bro. Anton, and Bro. Pierre.

Also, this year the school has faced a major change. The construction and road repairs have caused the students and the parents to make some minor adjustments, but most construction should be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

One major plus for the school year is the construction of the new tennis courts which will begin on June 1st. Later on January 2nd, the construction of the new weight room will take place. These new additions to the school will still continue, allowing more access to different facilities.

President Brother Ronald Talbot had this to say about the school year

"I would characterize this year as one that has established a firm basis for further growth and progress. We have begun curriculum advancements with

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BROTHER ANTON, A TRUE BROTHER TO ALL



The SSC basketball team shows how much Brother Anton meant to them, as they present him with their District Championship trophy after the Rocks captured the crown.

By Dawson McCall

There are few people who make an impact in life the way that Brother Anton did at St. Stanislaus. Brother Anton joined the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1960, just eleven years after coming to the United States with his parents in 1949. Brother Anton made an impact on all of those with whom he came into contact, especially those whom he taught and coached. He was a great teacher, a great basketball coach, and above all a great person. As a student at St. Stanislaus, I had the opportunity to be one of those people that Brother Anton had a profound impact on. He helped teach me the importance of hard work; he showed me that confidence comes from within, and he helped me to learn the art of non-judgment and how to help instill confidence in those around me.

Brother Anton was a role model in every sense of the word, in a time period in which there are far too few people for adolescents to look up to. He

exuded a sense of confidence and love which is rare in today's world. He could be brutally honest, but with a sense of caring that could settle even the most agitated of people. He lived his life with a humbleness which only he could understand, yet with such dedication that he won the respect and admiration of all of those around him.

In his last days he exhibited a courage which will be engraved in my mind's eye for an entire lifetime. Even in his time of pain, a time which most people would use as an excuse to become bitter and remorseful, Brother Anton let his love and knowledge of life be felt by all who had any contact with him over his last few days. His life came to an end on Wednesday, March 15, 2000. However, there is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to touch the lives of those in need from his place with God. Acceptance, love, and courage are three words which help to define the life of Brother Anton Sokira, a friend, teacher, leader, and a true brother to all.

NO DOUBT - RETURN OF SATURN

By: John Sumner

In No Doubt's newest release, I have found out that the band has lost its originality. Most of the songs on this LP are variations of older tunes from their self-titled album and their triple-platinum album entitled Tragic Kingdom. Of those songs that are original and unique, they are sell-out songs, created by the band to become a more "popular group" in hopes to sell more albums and lose originality, all at once. There are only two songs actually worth listening to on this CD. 'Ex-girlfriend' and 'New' are in my humble opinion, the best songs on the entire CD. The rest of the songs are about as worthless as a three-legged donkey. This is a big let down for any big ska fan - for those of you who are unfamiliar with ska, it is a type of music

that mixes an alternative band with wind instruments (trumpets, saxophones, etc.), but I guess that Tragic Kingdom was also a let down for all those old school ska fans that we all know are still reminiscing around the grassy knoll, hoping that some day there will be a ska band that won't sell out for measly fame and fortune, but stay on the outer track so they may be worshiped by all the hardcore ska fans.

In conclusion, I must say that the actual only redeeming quality of this band is lead singer Gwen Stefani who is quite beautiful, even though she's had more makeovers than Madonna, but hey, that's just the way it is. On a scale of 1 to 10, I have this CD a 4. It was a waste of \$17 and I regret that I didn't review Vanilla Ice's new CD instead. Listening to this CD was a waste of my sweet-old time.

"THE" MINI-VAN

By Blake Bilbo

Ford Motors has plans to introduce a mini-van which is just the ticket for today's consumer who prefers being surrounded by all the so-called comforts of home.

The Ford Winstar will come equipped with a cooler drawer which will keep meats and vegetables fresh, (not to mention the body of that confused, misguided hitch-hiker you picked up 300 miles ago). A microwave in the left rear seat heats baby bottles in a jiffy. A vacuum, snack tables, even a washer-dryer can be fitted to the van (making it impossible to transport any passengers wider than 3 inches)...great idea! Ford plans to launch the "home on wheels" ASAP.

Ford came up with the idea after parents complained that driving while the kids are screaming, adults are talking on the cell phone and trying to enjoy a hot, steaming cup of coffee and keep the dog from sliding off the front seat every time a turn is made, simply wasn't distracting enough.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRADUATION?

By: Todd Geary

As the 99-00 school year sways to its end, I, like every other senior, give thanks that this structured day to day existence called high school is finally over. We stumble into our future making of it what we want. Many of us will most probably be looking at college. When looking at a college it's nice to assess a few aspects of that college to make sure it fits your lifestyle. Where do you want to go? What kind of learning style do you want? What are your major interests or activities? And how much can you afford?

The most important considerations in choosing a college should be what type of school will suit you best. Your college is a place where you are going to spend at least four years, and you need to give some thought to where you would most like to be. Lots of elements factor into these considerations: location, size, and general environment. Do you want to go to school in a large city, or would you be more comfortable in a small town? How do you feel about joining a fraternity? What would it be like to go to a community college?

Why do you want to go to college? Are you looking for a stimulating intellectual experience? Are you preparing for a career? These questions are somewhat important, but not everyone will always have answers. Most students don't choose their major until their sophomore year, and some people don't really decide what they want to do until their forties. I guess the most important thing now is just going to school.

Earlier this week graduating senior T.J. McKeough was interviewed by local news station WLOX about his plans for next year. T.J. will be attending USM in Hattiesburg, where he will study communications. Good luck to all our graduating seniors in their college endeavors.

Top 20 National Universities (Taken from U.S. News)

- 1 California Institute of Technology
- 2 Harvard University (MA)
- 3 Massachusetts Inst. of Technology
- 4 Princeton University (NJ)
- 5 Yale University (CT)
- 6 Stanford University (CA)
- 7 Duke University (NC)
- 8 Johns Hopkins University (MD)
- 9 University of Pennsylvania
- 10 Columbia University (NY)
- 11 Cornell University (NY)
- 11 Dartmouth College (NH)
- 13 University of Chicago
- 14 Brown University (RI)
- 14 Northwestern University (IL)
- 14 Rice University (TX)
- 17 Washington University (MO)
- 18 Emory University (GA)
- 19 University of Notre Dame (IN)
- 20 University of California-Berkeley



Eighth grade student David Clayton is the owner of this creature, Boo Boo.

FEATURED CREATURES

By Keith Crawford

Panthers can weigh 90 kg. They can have one to six cubs in a litter. Panthers have one of the longest bodies of all the cat families. They also have the longest tail in relation to their bodies. Panthers are lone hunters, and though they are great swimmers and climbers, they prefer to stay on the ground. Like tigers, the Panther is a lone hunter that only gathers for courtship and breeding. The normal panther color is rosette with small black circles; these are not spots because they are "hollow" and rosette on the inside. Sometimes melanistic leopards are born into a litter. Melanistic leopards are black leopards, and they still have the circle marks, which are just covered by their dark fur. They are found mostly in wet forested areas. For some reason, Black Panthers are more aggressive than normal panthers.

The largest penguin species is the King Penguin growing to 3 1/2 inches. The smallest is the blue penguin only reaching 16 inches. The penguin's colors are very important because it hides them from predators, the black disguising them in deeper depths, and the white hides them while they are near the surface. Penguins can also stand straight thanks to their feet and spinal column. Penguin's bones are extremely heavy, which is why they cannot fly; it does make swimming easy for them. Penguins have small wings that act as paddles and help them control themselves in water.

The small lizards like to dig and are good swimmers and divers. They are very secretive and in captivity it is necessary to provide caves or slabs of bark for hiding and basking. They have a small body that is supported by weak looking legs. They are native to southern and eastern Africa and are very good swimmers and climbers. The neck is not well differentiated from the head. The tail is typically twice the length of the body. Scales are evenly arrayed in lines down and around the body. Dorsal scales are keeled while the ventral scales are smooth with little overlapping. Colors are various shades of brown with some lighter longitudinal stripes. A fold of skin is generally noted running laterally along the length of the body - this allows for expansion. These omnivores eat a variety of small vertebrates and invertebrates as well as greens and small amounts of fruits such as worms, crickets, mouse pinkies, cantaloupe, oranges and kale. The plated lizards become rather tame fairly quickly. While they appear cumbersome and slow, they are capable of very fast movement and, when acclimated, feed well and have been observed to steal food from larger lizards.

TENNIS ACES ANOTHER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP



The SSC Tennis team celebrates after a long day at the District Tournament.



By Kunal Patel

The SSC tennis team finished its season with high marks, but it was a great challenge for the team to overcome some obstacles along the way. First of all, the team started its season without one of its best players, Scott Wallace, who graduated last May. Next, injuries plagued two members of the team, Phil Marino and Garrett Mann, both doubles players. Garrett was unable to play and had to drop out in the last week of competition, but Phil Marino overcame his injury and played all the way to the state finals. The highlight for the team was winning the district title for the third time in a row.

Tennis Coach, Mr. Myron Labat,

said, "Persevering is the word I would use to characterize this year's team. This team persevered through losing six matches during the regular season to teams that, in past seasons, presented no major problems for us. But our perseverance paid off by allowing us to collect our third consecutive District Championship and make a respectable showing at the State Tournament.

The most encouraging thing about this season for me as a coach is that we were able to get some valuable playing time along the way for our younger players such as Chris Williams, Padrick Dennis, Chris Spinoza, Michael Carter, Carlos Goff, Drew Cranford, and Kunal Patel, who will all be pressed into Varsity service next year.

Our graduating seniors Garrett Mann, Bryce Labat, and Phil Marino, will definitely be missed, but our returning lettermen will work hard beginning this spring to prepare for the 2001 season."

CLEAVES, SENIORS LEAD SPARTANS TO CHAMPIONSHIP

By Dawson McCall

The Michigan State Spartans fulfilled the dreams of many with their championship run this year. None, however, more than the hopes of senior point guard Mateen Cleaves. The senior All-Big Ten point guard had eighteen points to lead the Spartans to victory in the NCAA Championship game. Along with seniors Morris Peterson and A.J. Granger, Cleaves and the Spartans rolled past the Florida Gators in the championship game of the NCAA tournament. Granger, Cleaves, and Peterson combined for fifty-eight points, twenty-six rebounds, and eleven assists (seven of those coming by the hands of Cleaves himself). The trio of seniors showed why they were favored to win the trophy with leadership that is expected from three seasoned veterans of their caliber. Juniors Charlie Bell and Andre



Hutson also contributed to the victory with eleven and thirteen points respectively, while Bell, a shooting guard, pulled down seven boards, four of them coming on the offensive end. However, it was obvious that it was the seniors' night. Whenever the Spartans needed a basket, one of the three seniors stepped up and provided the leadership, both by play and emotion, needed by the team. The three seniors of 2000 of the Michigan State Spartans basketball team will be remembered for a long time to come, and their dedication to the game of basketball is appreciated by all.

Congratulations to the SSC Golf Team. They won the district championship for the 7th time in the past eight years. Finished 14th in the State out of 63 Class AAAA teams.



SSC BASEBALL



The Lewis Brothers, Brandon and Jeremy, view the game in anticipation.

By Peyton Cuevas

Head coach Will Seymour along with his assistant coaches David Morgan and Luke Weems led the baseball rocks to a very successful season. Although the team did not go all the way this year, they played very well. Listed below are some of this year's team and player stats.

Batting

Brandon Lewis: 29 hits, 20 runs, 13 RBI, 1 HR
 Neil Favre: 34 hits, 9 runs, 35 RBI, 0 HR
 Joaquin Balagar: 0 hits, 3 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
 Evan Coote: 19 hits, 10 runs, 10 RBI, 2 HR
 Taylor Lafontaine: 17 hits, 12 runs, 11 RBI, 0 HR
 Billy Bourgouis: 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
 Joseph Bruno: 4 hits, 3 runs, 3 RBI, 0 HR
 Gabe Willis: 3 hits, 6 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
 Bryce Breland: 7 hits, 6 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
 Dustin Coogan: 7 hits, 6 runs, 2 RBI, 0 HR
 Jason Santiago: 26 hits, 19 runs, 18 RBI, 2 HR
 Brandon Arcement: 10 hits, 11 runs, 8 RBI, 0 HR
 J.R. Willis: 7 hits, 6 runs, 3 RBI, 0 HR
 Lee Howard: 5 hits, 5 runs, 3 RBI, 0 HR
 Mikey Ryan: 11 hits, 8 runs, 2 RBI, 0 HR
 Steven Kulikowski: 1 hit, 4 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR
 Trey Moses: 1 hit, 3 runs, 1 RBI, 0 HR

Pitching

Neil Favre: 3W2L 7 SO ERA: 5.583
 Justin Lowrey: 0W2L 12 SO ERA: 7.667
 Brandon Arcement: 6W6L, 100 SO ERA 3.311
 Brandon Lewis: 2W1L 21 SO ERA: 3.553

SAILING UPDATE

The sailing team placed 16th in Long Beach, CA. David Taylor placed 2nd in one race. Considering other teams in the competition had practiced all year, the SSC team did a great job. Here are the team members who participated in the competition:

David Taylor, Ben Puckett, Keith Puckett, Ben McMath, Jeremy Boelte, Melissa Chapaton, and Emily Taylor. Nice job, Mrs. Schmidt and team!



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"GUYS AND DOLLS": GOOD TO THE EYES... PROM 2000

By Guy Van Slyke

From March 30-April 1st 2000, Saint Stanislaus was treated to a cultural experience. Lead actors Dustin Tasker, senior Neil Norton, Ashley Timidaiki, and Rachael Dauro blazed the way for a great rendition of the classic 1950s musical "Guys and Dolls." The story line revolved around a bet made between compulsive gambler Sky Masterson (Neil Norton) and craps game organizer Nathan Detroit (Dustin Tasker). Nathan bet Sky that he couldn't obtain a date with a militant Christian missionary woman named Sarah Brown (Rachael Dauro). Coincidentally, Miss Dauro had a notable singing voice as well as Ashley Timidaiki. The sub plot was that of the relationships between Nathan Detroit and his girl friend Adelaide (Ashley Timidaiki) and the emerging relationship of Sky Masterson and Sarah Brown. One of the definite highlights of the play was its great supporting cast. The two main supporting actors were Benny Southstreet (T.J. McKeough, Senior) and Nicely Nicely Johnson (Sam Slater, Senior), who were the dumb (Benny) and hungry (Nicely) right hand men for Nathan Detroit. Other large supporting cast roles were Chicago mobster Big Jule (John Ellis, Senior) and Harry the Horse (Trey Moses, Senior). One of the biggest highlights in the musical scores was the surprise guest appear-



ance by Luis Duhart (the Ave Maria kid himself). The final story line revolved around the fact that Nathan (who had been engaged to Adelaide for fourteen years) was a hustler and a "bum." He would sell out his relationship over and over again to organize a good game of craps. Adelaide knew this, but she loved him. And, as we see, he loved her as well. Sky Masterson's date in Havana with Sarah Brown turned out to be, in my opinion, the most humorous scene of the play. All in all, I thought SSC's version of "Guys and Dolls" was an extremely well practiced, well directed, and well executed high school play. It had an awesome mix of humor, drama, and singing. I think we all owe Mrs. Carr and the entire Drama department (from lead roles to stagehands) a thank you for enriching our lives with their hard work and valiant efforts.

By T.J. McKeough

Despite the fact that the Junior/Senior Prom was held in the mall, it was still very enjoyable. We had eleven seniors there. That it is somewhat sad, because this is one of the big senior things. Going to the senior prom is one of the highlights of the senior year. The only reason the prom was in the mall was that not enough people bought tickets. A lot of them figured that the prom was not going to happen, so why should they go buy a ticket? Well, if people had bought tickets, then we could have had a prom in a lot nicer place. In addition, if the prom were to have been canceled then the people who bought tickets would have gotten a refund. It is not that hard to figure out. Another thing that was upsetting was that a few people who fought and fought to have the prom bailed out on it because it was in the mall. Why would someone push so hard to have something and then just drop it? This is worse than not buying a ticket. These people wanted something and later decided they were too cool for it. It shows a complete lack of commitment.

All in all, the prom was fun. Not a lot of people were there; so it was more intimate. I had fun and I am sure that the people there had fun. The seniors should enjoy the memory of their senior prom and the juniors should work towards having an even better senior prom next year.

A TREAT FOR THE SENSES

By David Billiot

The "Sixth Sense" starring Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is a thrilling movie that takes its audience through the mind of a young boy who sees dead people. Cole Sear, played by Osment, is a child who is born with the ability to sense or see the ghosts of people who have died. He also talks with them and can interact as if they were normal, everyday humans, but these same ghosts are haunting him.

Bruce Willis plays Dr. Malcolm Crowe, a child psychologist who tries to help the boy, and at the same time he begins to realize that there is something different about himself. Crowe takes the case of Sear in an almost personal way because of one of his former patients who claimed to have the same problem. The work on that person, Vincent Gray, ends up haunting Crowe in the worst way: Gray grows up, loses his mind completely, and finds

Crowe to show him how his work helped. This confrontation ends with Malcolm being shot in the stomach. This ends up being a twist at the end of the movie, which draws most of the loose ends together.

Osment does a magnificent job of playing Cole Sear. The ten-year-old is in fact the scene-stealer throughout the movie. He impressively contrasts his role with the somewhat hard-edged Willis. Without a doubt, this young star will have producers and directors knocking down his door. And the interaction between Osment and Willis added to a terrific story line will have people flocking to this movie to get a glimpse of the sixth sense.



NAPSTER OR NOT

By Derek Fogarty

Many people have Napster or have at least heard about it. It is program that you download onto your computer totally free. Once you have it downloaded, it enables you to get just about any song from any artist you wish. The people who are using Napster don't really care, but the artists who are losing money do care. I just don't understand what all the fuss is about. It's not like people are going to just stop buying their CD's altogether. You can't download a whole CD off Napster. I get impatient just waiting for one song to download. Artists should make the music for the people, because without us who would buy their CD's? After all, recording artists are nothing more than entertainers. If they really want to make money they should lower their CD prices. And really it's not the artists who are worrying about the money; it's their record companies who care. I really don't care about the record company, because God only knows how much money they are already making. If I really like a band I would go out and buy their CD. Again, you can't download a whole CD off Napster; so what is all the fuss about?

A YOUNG GIRL'S FAITH

By Staff Writer

Eighth grade English students discovered much about a world they had not yet been born into when their literature study revealed "The Diary of Anne Frank" in its play form. Students' vocabularies expanded with words like *Third Reich*, *synagogue*, *Aryan*, and *Holocaust*. Background study also focused on World War II and the events leading up to Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany.

Students enjoyed reading the play aloud, especially those scenes where male members of a class took on female roles. Bob Bass garnered attention with his portrayal of Anne Frank opposite Michael Kivlan as Peter Van Daan. Rob Murray and Colin Wilson traded lines as did Dustin Broekman, Timmy Kulikowski, Josh Schultz, and Brad Farrar.

Students gave their best efforts in playing the poignant scenes between Anne and Peter. The result was somewhat entertaining but also reminding of the seriousness of the plight faced by the members of the *Secret Annex*, the few rooms above a warehouse in Amsterdam, Holland. Here these Jewish people tried to live their lives as normally as possible despite the chaos of World War II and Jewish persecution. The limitations imposed on Jews at this time were horrendous, and the Frank and Van Daan families did not find out the real horrors until the Nazis raided their hiding place, and they were sent to different concentration camps.

Here is where their story did not end. Initially the captives were sent to a local camp in Holland. Some two weeks later, they were shipped like cattle, in cattle cars holding up to eighty-five Jews in each car. For three days the train car with one tiny window near the top carried Anne and others. Bathroom accommodations consisted of one community bucket in the corner of the car, and this was just the beginning of the nightmare.

One of the themes of Anne Frank's story is "man's inhumanity to man." Students reflected on the relation of this theme to the people who experienced it. "It relates to the story because the Nazis inflicted unbelievably horrific actions against the Jewish people," said Mason Hester. "This phrase is emphasizing the question: How can people be so cruel to other people?" said Bob Bass.

Students were also asked to imagine the life Anne Frank might have lived had she not died so tragically.

cally. "I think she would have moved to Switzerland or possibly the United States so that she could become a professional writer," said Marshall Ticer. Mason Hester pictured an even more interesting life for Anne. "In my opinion, she would have gone to Paris and written a book about her experiences."

Probably the most memorable information learned during this assignment was the remarkable quote that Anne Frank left humanity and the generations that now come to know her story:

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." It is difficult to believe that in the middle of the twentieth century people were treated as less than animals, yet it happened, and the understanding that it could happen again keeps Anne Frank's message alive.

In an interesting twist on Anne's story, students were asked to write a diary entry from the perspective of another of the Secret Annex occupants. There were many contemplative entries including this one by Andrew Waterman, who has written from the perspective of Mr. Van Daan, friend and business partner of Mr. Otto Frank.

August 4, 1944

It's over. As I write this, I hear the screeching of wheels outside the warehouse that has been our hiding place for over two years. It is so heart wrenching to be taken now into the custody of those genocidal inhuman Nazis! If only my stupid, selfish wife would have left behind some rotting antiques she just *couldn't* live without behind! Then my insolent son, Peter, Petronella, and I would be safe in America or Great Britain. Instead we will be shipped to Poland or some such place.

Otto tells me now that we can live in hope. Why does he say this? He implies we can have hope of life in death camps where even the most faithful person could not cling to shreds of existence in these hell holes.

I can no longer write this would-be conclusion to my life's story. If it is must be that I will not live to tell this story, may someone find this so I do not disappear into nothingness like every single other faceless person dying or dead under the command of the Nazis. Let me live on.

experience in the market in preparation for the real thing. This would definitely be a worth-while tradition for SSC as an extracurricular activity or subject just like football, drama, art, music, etc.

"There are many different strategies when one enters the stock market," says Mr. Gemelli. "Some people buy a popular stock and sit on it as it steadily rises. Other people buy massive amounts of stock in a new company and hope it goes up just a little." Some more good advice that Mr. Gemelli stresses is that the stock market needs to "breathe." That means you shouldn't constantly be buying and selling just because a stock rises or falls a couple of times. That movement should be expected.

Congratulations to Joseph Diggs, who was recently named as the winner in the Senior high division of the Sun-Herald Stock Market Game. Joseph receives a share of Knight-Ridder stock and will be recognized in an article in the Sun-Herald. Also, congratulations to Neil Norton's team who did the best in SSC for the Stock Market Game!

A CLASS TO TAKE

By Garrett Mann

Mrs. Schmidt heads the Marine Science class here at SSC. It is a course that pursues the interest of the marine animals as well as plants. It is a very interesting class that will widen the horizon of education for every young man that takes her class. Labs are another treat that Mrs. Schmidt provides for her students. We go to the beach to find fish for our aquariums. We have also walked along the beach relaxing and observing all the diverse species of plants that inhabit this area. Sure we take some notes, but at the end of the bargain, we come out ahead. This past year we also dissected a dogfish when we were studying sharks. Due to the strong smell it was not a delightful task. In a couple of weeks we are going to take some field trips to some pet stores to buy some more fish for our aquariums. Mrs. Schmidt enjoys teaching her students, and we enjoy "chillin'."

SENIORS SHOWCASE THE MAGNOLIA STATE

By Garrett Mann

Senior history classes under the direction of Mr. Dale Moran recently capped off their Mississippi Studies coursework with notable student presentations. "Topics ranged from Stennis to Ingalls to catfish farming to famous Mississippians, to name a few," said Mr. Moran, "but all related to the state of Mississippi." Many students did field research and made videotapes of their topics which added much in the enjoyment of the presentations and aided listeners in grasping the given information. Ed Flores, for instance, made a tape of Main Street, Bay St. Louis, where he paused at points of interest along the way and elaborated upon them.

Students learned more about the workings of the catfish farming industry, in which Mississippi ranks first in the nation. Travis Fuchich traveled to Wiggins, where he interviewed a long-time catfish farmer. Travis videotaped the interview, and it was apparent that there is much that people probably do not know that goes into the successful farming of catfish. Marc Cerisier went to Fort Massachusetts over Easter break in order to research his assignment. His computerized presentation of the Civil War fort clearly showed his efforts. Jordan Blaize produced a video showcase of the life and works of Mississippi artist Walter Andersen. Mississippi writers like William Faulkner and John Grisham were discussed by students Justin Dragna and Mark Berger respectively. Other presentations spotlighted celebrities like Jimmy Buffet, the Marguerita Man himself, and country singer Faith Hill, whose songs continue to top the charts. Both stars were born in the Magnolia State. Josh Schmidt informed students about Mr. Buffet, and T. J. McKeough showed pictures and a music video about Ms. Hill.

Senior Chong Ngow from Thailand interviewed three dormitory students, also from foreign countries, regarding their impressions of Mississippi. Rimmer Covington's presentation focused on the local charter boat fishing industry. And these are just some of the many fine presentations.

Reactions to the presentations were overwhelmingly positive. "This has been the most interesting part of the year," said senior Todd Geary. Mr. Moran had nothing but praise for jobs well done. "I was really impressed with the students who went out into the field and made videotapes to dramatize their topics. A lot of students showed a great deal of initiative in meeting their assignment commitments."

\$\$\$ STOCK MARKET GAME COMES TO A CLOSE!

By Blake Bilbo

The SSC Stock market game has ended the year. The students were given the packets of game info on Valentines Day, February 14, and were informed how to buy, sell, and manage stock. During that week Mr. Gemelli taught his students the strategy of the stock market.

Each team was made up of four to five people and the captain was given a folder filled with papers such as the New York, American, and the NASDAQ stock exchanges. The folder also contains a game calendar and special scanners for buying and selling stock.

What is unique about this stock market game is that it actually follows the real-life fluctuating market. Each team was given \$100,000 (in imaginary money, of course) and they used it however they liked in the stock market. The objective was simple: whoever made the most profit at the end of the game won. SSC students also were competing to make the most profits in competition against other Mississippi schools.

Many people think the game is a good idea because it helps to teach students to be responsible and careful with the money they earn. It also lets them get some

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summer reading requirements, the expansion of A.P. courses, and the increased availability of technological resources. The introduction of a formalized service program has given meaningful emphasis to the importance of living out our faith. Our athletic teams' successes and improvements have shown that the Rocks are solid and a force to be reckoned for some time to come. Important planning for upgrading school facilities has begun. In general at the end of this year, I can say that we are better than we were last year, but not as good as we are going to be."

Brother Ronald Hingle shared his

thoughts about this school year:

"The 1999-2000 school year has been a terrific, but challenging one. The deaths of Brother Pierre and Brother Anton, as well as the many other trying moments in the lives of our students and faculty and staff members have been difficult for me. Through it all, however, God has been good and the entire SSC community, especially our student nobody, has pulled together and been there to support one another. So, while this year has been filled with many unfortunate situations, they have ultimately strengthened our character, refined our faith, and given us greater hope in and charity towards one another. We have indeed been richly blessed this year!"

BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART SERVING SSC: BROTHER DAVID LANDRY

By: Patrick Clark

I met with Br. David after school, just before we began our spring break. We made our way into the Art classroom, where we could comfortably hold this interview. Brother was very humble and gave much thought to each question. He was also very sensitive to my developing interviewing skills and gave me plenty of time to write his responses. Even after giving up his free time, Brother told me that if I had anymore questions to give him a call. Thanks, Brother David, for being here at St. Stanislaus and enriching our lives with your presence.

How long have you been here at St. Stanislaus?

"This is my third year at Stanislaus."

What different things have you done around the school?

"I have taught 7th through 9th, Algebra I and Pre-Algebra. I also co-moderate the Key Club with Mrs. Clark, and I am the local contact person for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart's volunteer program for the Bay St. Louis area."

I hear that you will be leaving us next year; where will you be going?

"I will be living and working on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona."

What will you be doing on the reservation and when will you move there?

"I will be teaching in a public school since the closest Catholic School is fifty miles away. I will also be helping Br. John Hotstream on the mission. I plan to leave in July."

Have you been to the reservation or will you be going for your first time this summer?

"I have been to the reservation seven or eight times, on trips during the summer with Br. Charles."

-Would you describe the environment of the reservation as casual or hectic?

"It is very casual, and the people are very friendly. There are many third world conditions, and most people live in trailers or in traditional hogans."

-Do you think you will like the change from the structured environment of SSC to the environment of the reservation?

"Yes," he laughed, "but it will take time. I have to learn how to let go of my present concept of time."

What excites you most about going to the Navajo Nation?

"Two things excite me the most about going to minister with and serve the Navajo people. One is the simple lifestyle, not having all of the amenities that I am used to—like TVs, city establishments, shopping centers, etc. This will enable me to focus more on what is most important, that is, relationships; Relationships with the people, with the land, and with God our Creator. The second thing that I am excited about is the cross-evangelization possibilities. While I am going there to teach, I need to also learn from them about how to live in harmony with God and all of creation. I feel that their traditional world view is an essential ingredient in the process of global transformation."

Do know if you will ever return to St. Stanislaus, or at least come back to visit us?

"I would love to! Yes," he answered sincerely, "whenever possible."

Is there any advice that you would like to leave for all of your students, past and present?

"I would recommend that everyone experience a 3rd world country for at least two weeks, to become aware of how eighty percent of the world lives. This will help to distinguish between wants and needs in their own lives. I would encourage SSC students to take advantage of the opportunity that Brother Charles is presenting to go to the reservation to help out."

BROTHER AUBERT FISHING RODEO PART 2



Rock-A-Chaw Staff member Blake Bilbo poses with other winners of the Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo.

By Blake Bilbo

The SSC Fishing Rodeo was a great success and there was a good turnout as the lines dropped at eight o'clock Saturday morning.

The action continued for six hours as my dad and I fished. We saw many different types of fish being caught, most of which were catfish and white trout. There were a few stingrays and mullet. At the end of the rodeo, many people gathered together to find out about the results.

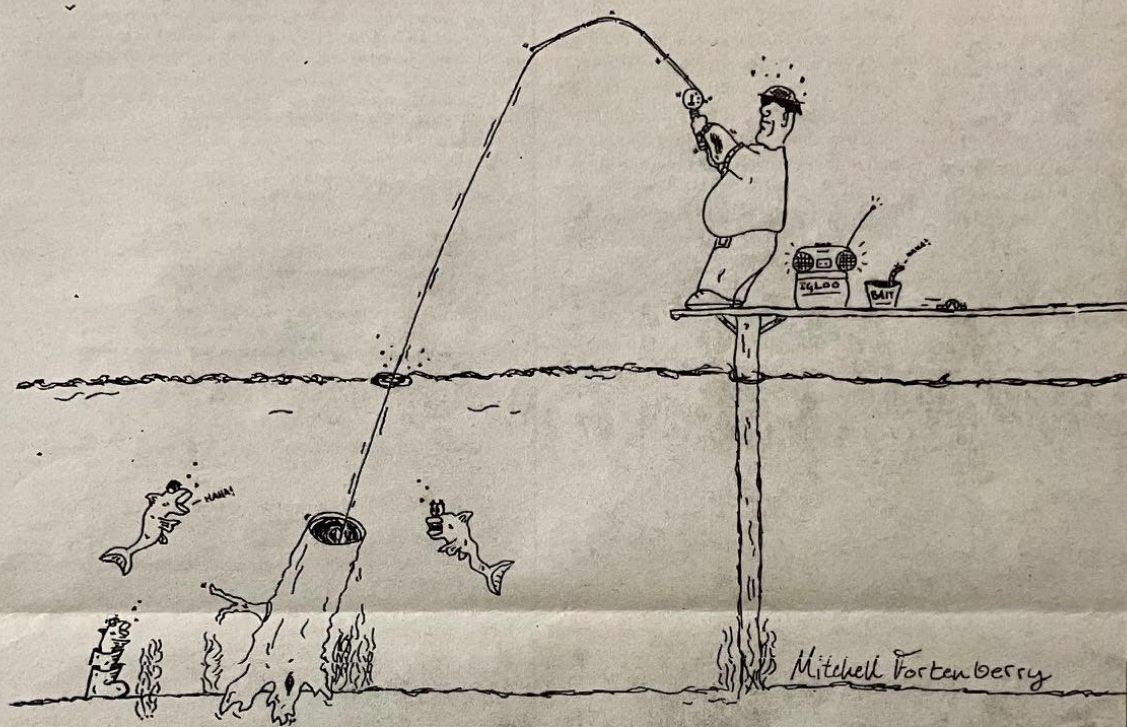
The winners of the Brother Aubert Fishing Rodeo were as follows:

The Biggest Fish Category, Leah Seal took first place with a 6-1/4 pound catch; Litho Rivas, placed second with a 5-pound haul and Jamie Genin came in third with a 3-pound fish. In the Gross Catch category, Blake Bilbo hauled in a total of 12-3/4 pounds to place first. Litho Rivas placed second with 8-1/4 pounds and Leah Seal placed third in this category with 7-3/4 total pounds of fish. Jamie Genin won the Ugliest Fish category with her catch of a stingray.

Congratulations to all who participated in the SSC Fishing Rodeo. I hope that many people will participate next year, so there will be greater competition.



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A LETTER OF THANKS

This year, the Rock-A-Chaw has made many improvements. First of all, a journalism class was offered to all high school students. Second, the new computer lab made working a lot easier and convenient, and most of all, the support of all the student body and faculty has made this paper fairly successful this year. I would like to thank the students of the journalism class who helped on the paper, as well as those who submitted articles and information outside of the classroom. I would also like to thank Brother Charles for his help with photography and Mr. Laiche for his help with the computers. Next, I would like to thank Mrs. Estrade for her help in distributing the paper. Most of all, I would like to thank Mrs. Bradbrook for moderating the organization and making it better every year. Maybe the next school year we will get more students interested in the paper. The more people, the better.

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Renowned historian visits SSC

By John S. Waterman

What do Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, Presidents Richard M. Nixon and George W. Bush, and the junior class of SSC have in common? All of them have conversed with or listened to one of the most renowned historians of our time, Dr. Stephen Ambrose. Dr. Ambrose is an internationally acclaimed author, historian, and teacher. Before retiring in 1995, he taught full time at many schools, including the University of New Orleans, Rutgers, Kansas State, Naval War College, U.C. Berkeley, and a number of European colleges.

After being introduced by his former student, Mr. Louis Burg, an SSC history teacher, Dr. Ambrose began his talk. He stated that his generation had been "a generation of hostages," one that had been plagued with the fear of nuclear destruction during the Cold War. Dr. Ambrose believes that "the 21st century will be the greatest age of discovery," a promising vision after "the great century of war."

Dr. Ambrose stated that with these changing times, our generation must adapt the ideas of our parents and grandparents to our long-range plans for the future. He stated that after two centuries of trying to catalogue

and conquer nature, the major focus of the 21st century would be the restoration of nature.

Dr. Ambrose believed very strongly that our generation was up to this task. Citing several statistics, he



Dr. Stephen Ambrose addresses the junior class.

showed us that teenagers today are smarter and more physically fit than the World War II generation. He stated that we were up to any challenges that might come our

way. Dr. Ambrose drove this point home with this statement: "The greatest thing my generation did was to raise yours."

On several lighter notes, Dr. Ambrose talked about the role of school lunches in improving education, as well as some of his experiences in teaching at the University of New Orleans.

He also shared with the students some of his experiences working with acclaimed director Steven Spielberg. When the film "Saving Private Ryan" was completed, Spielberg asked Dr. Ambrose to watch the first print. After viewing it, Dr. Ambrose was phoned by Spielberg, who insisted that he tell him anything that the film needed.

"Well," Dr. Ambrose said. "First, you need to get Tom Hanks out of that movie. He's 39. A ranger captain would be 21. Then, you need to re-shoot the D-Day landing scene. The beaches at Normandy were much wider." "That's funny," Spielberg replied. "Next."

The students really enjoyed these personal anecdotes about famous people. Regretfully, Dr. Ambrose could not stay longer. We at SSC sincerely hope for an encore engagement.

Returning to a second home

By David Bradley

This second semester we welcome back all SSC students, especially those who have come from distant foreign countries such as Guatemala, Costa Rica, Korea, Vietnam, and Mexico. When many of these students went home to celebrate Christmas with their families, it was the first time that they had been home since the start of the new school year.

Our international students come to SSC for various reasons. Most wish to become fluent in English. This fluency gives these students an advantage in their native countries, as they pursue their academic careers. Others come to mature and grow up in the American culture that is renowned in other countries for its freedoms and government that we citizens often take for granted in our daily living.

St. Stanislaus helps these students ease into our culture and the SSC lifestyle in many different ways. First and foremost, St. Stanislaus offers English as a Second Language (ESL), which allows students to become familiar with English. Subsequently, dorm assignments are set up so that two international students cannot room together. English is also the only language allowed to be

spoken in the classroom and in the dorm as well. With these elements of the dorm and student life in place, our students have the ability to be truly immersed in our culture and customs.

Many of our foreign students move on to further education back in their own home countries, after having studied at SSC for one year. Under the education system in Mexico and other countries, students will miss a number of credits required for graduation in their home countries if they stay to continue their higher education here at SSC. Others move on simply because after one full year, their primary goal of speaking fluent English is accomplished. The few students that do stay at SSC past two semesters stay because they are planning to graduate here. The first step to becoming an SSC student begins at the Office of Admissions. St. Stanislaus' Admissions Director is Mrs. Dolores Richmond, and the Assistant Admissions Director and the Director of Recruiting, is Mr. Mark Cumella.

Recently, I sat down to talk with Mr. Cumella about the changes international resident students experience over the period of their stay at SSC. According to Mr. Cumella, "Many of the students come to SSC as kids and when they have to discontinue their stay here, they usually leave more mature and with a greater sense of self-confidence and self-discipline. For some, it is very hard to leave the dorm because of the security

it provides and the people they have grown to know. For many students, SSC is like a second home where they have developed a true family with a structured environment. After they leave, most have become impressive men of character."

The Rock-A-Chaw spoke to a few of our international students: Daniel Cepeda, a seventh grade student from Saltillo, Mexico, said, "What I do like about SSC are the Brothers, my teachers, and many of the Americans, who have been very friendly to me." Jesus Cesar, also from Saltillo, explained, "I like SSC in all the ways you can find. The teachers are nice and the school is nice too, but the best thing of the school is the people. My new friends are cool; I like them a lot." Francisco Morales, a senior from Guatemala, said, "I like SSC because it is impressive on my school record." Finally, Senior Tuan Nguyen from Vietnam summed up his feelings this way: "I like all the school in general."

Overall St. Stanislaus is widely diverse and a great school that gives day students and foreign students alike, a chance to experience different cultures, people, and ideas.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Serving SSC: Brother Ronald Talbot

By DeLance Boggs

Brother Ronald Talbot is the president of St. Stanislaus College Prep., and each day he serves in this capacity to oversee campus activities.

The Rock-A-Chaw asked Brother Ronald if he would answer a few questions about his history with the Brothers and his future goals for the school community.

Brother Talbot first knew that he wanted to become a Brother of the Sacred Heart at his senior retreat in 1965. His decision was deeply influenced by the Brothers' dedication to God and their interest in students. In August of 1969, he began teaching. He taught math, social studies, religion, and computer courses. Brother Talbot served as a classroom teacher for six years teaching full time, as well as being assistant principal at Catholic High.

Brother Ronald's responsibilities as President of SSC are many, but basically he works to ensure that things go as smoothly as possible. He works with finances, facili-

ties, and planning.

Although he enjoys being the President of SSC, he still misses the classroom atmosphere. "I feel more aware of the happenings of the school, when I am in the classroom."

When asked about improvements and growths for the future, he replied, "We have the architectural master plan in which a new fitness center will be built, and the old gym will be turned into a fine arts building in the near future. I like the changes that have been made in the dorm, such as the phones and Internet access in each room. I would like to see a little bit larger day student enrollments. The growth in the honors department is also very encouraging."

Brother Ronald obviously dedicates much of his time and abilities to see that SSC is the kind of school where young men can be educated in a caring, Christian environment. Thank you, Brother Ronald, for all that you do for SSC.

By Grayson Timidaiki

Directed by Mrs. Terry Carr, the Drama Team recently presented two plays "Touch the Names" and "Pygmalion." "Touch the Names," a truly heartfelt display of feelings and emotions, depicted a scene at the Vietnam Memorial Wall following the aftermath of the Vietnam War. The cast of Brady Bordelon, Alicia Asper, Ashley Timidaiki, Ashley Nelson, Julie Reboul, Dustin Tasker, John Waterman, Preston Ellis, and Kyle Fagan, dramatized letters left by loved ones and relatives of deceased soldiers. Each time a letter was shared by an actor, members of the audience felt a spiritual connection with all the people involved. The Drama Team carried "Touch the Names" to the Winter Drama Festival presented at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Taking home special honors in the play were Ashley Nelson and Preston Ellis for All Star Cast awards. Musical touches composed by Alicia Asper and Paul Thibodeaux were featured throughout the play.

"Pygmalion," the other presentation, was more of a comic relief from the somber tone of "Touch the Names." The four member cast of "Pygmalion" gave an outstanding performance that filled the audience with life and laughter. These four actors Dustin Tasker, Ashley Timidaiki, John Waterman and Erin Stechman delivered a non-musical form of the play "My Fair Lady." Pygmalion's English humor and profound sarcasm left the audience leaving with smiling faces after the performances.

The Drama Team is preparing for yet another musical "Oklahoma" which will be in the spring. It promises to be another crowd pleaser like last year's musical "Guys and Dolls."

Working as a family



Brother Albert is always by the office waiting to help.

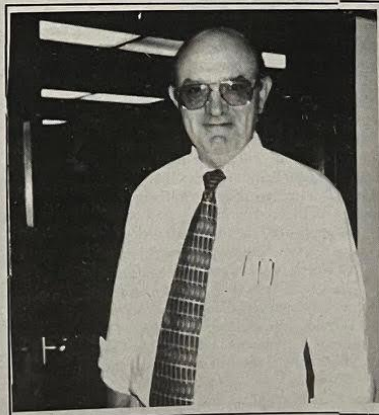
By Jacob Johnson

When Mr. Terry Looney talks, it becomes very clear to the listener that each part of the SSC Family contributes greatly to the welfare of the school. I was interested in interviewing Mr. Looney because as a student, I wanted to understand what the Development Office does. Mr. Looney has been the SSC Director of Development for the past three years, and before that he was a football coach at Nicholls State University and at Tulane University.

Mr. Looney's staff includes Mr. Jeff Aycock, Mrs. Teri Nelson, and Mrs. Amy Lagasse. All of these people work together to promote SSC's growth and development. Mr. Looney's primary job is to coordinate all fundraising efforts. He also solicits support from sources outside SSC such as foundations, corporations, alumni, and parents. Mr. Looney stressed the importance of the SSC alumni and parents in supporting our school, "Through the SSC

newsletter, past alumni become acquainted with new alumni, and past traditions continue to work with new ideas for the good of the school. Through our annual giving appeal, much money is raised through alumni and parents who are very supportive. Annually our goal is to raise over \$100,000. Nationally, only 22% or 23% of alumni continue to give back to their schools. Ours is 38%, and it is increasing. This happens when your alumni believes so strongly in what our school is about. They believe in what we're doing here, and this says a lot for what all the SSC family does."

In his last statement, Mr. Looney is referring to every aspect of the school: our administrative staff, fac-



Teacher, Senor Tom Ackerman, greets his students at his door.



Office Secretary, Mrs. Holder, always has a warm smile.

ulty, student body, maintenance crew, and office personnel. Mr. Looney further added, "None of these components could work without the other; each is interdependent upon the other, and each serves the welfare of the school."

As we all can see, Mr. Looney has a very important job, which is to ensure the continued growth and development of SSC. Mr. Looney also gave me some pointers about making a career for myself. He told me, "Never be afraid to make a decision! I found Mr. Looney to be an inspirational person, and I learned a lot about SSC, beyond the boundaries of the classroom."

A new class

By Brett Hode

Geology is the study of the Earth, including the materials of which it is made, the physical and chemical changes that occur on its surface and in its interior, and the history of the planet with its life forms. This one semester geology has been added as a science elective, and Mr. Fred Cherota is teaching the class. Materials of the earth and the processes that change the surface of the earth are the focus of the geology studies. This is a hands-on class in which some of the activities include taking sediment cores and looking at the various layerings and observing topographic models, minerals, and rocks. The class will also include weekend activities such as trips to the Mississippi Petrified Forest, learning how to cut and polish rocks, and doing Internet research.

Why, students might ask, should we spend our time studying about the Earth and the processes that form it? In the words of Mr. Cherota, "Understanding of the Earth is important because the Earth is our grocery store. All of our resources are at or near the surface of the Earth." This class uses a college text which draws together biology, chemistry and physics because these scientific areas make the Earth what it is today. Mr. Cherota added, "I would recommend that students who enter college should look at taking geology as a lab science; it would not necessarily be easier, but it is more of a work-at-your-pace class." If you need a science credit for school, please put geology on your list of considerations, and since it may be offered every year, you should not have a problem getting in.

Technology update

By Michael Enloe

Most people at St. Stanislaus have been in the computer lab. Most also do not need to be told how to use the computers.

New technology in the computer lab incorporates a CD-RW installed on one of the computers and a new projector for the lab. New software includes Adobe Photoshop, an image editing program, and a special program for the Geometry class.

Classes in the computer lab are the Innovative Applications in Technology course, taught by Mr. Zilverberg, and the Journalism class, taught by Mrs. Bradbrook. Other classes, such as English III Honors and Geometry, also use the computer lab.

Background for a diary

By Giles Rodenhiser

Our eighth grade English Honors class received a history lesson when Mr. Genin, SSC Principal of Discipline, visited our classroom prior to our literature study of the play "The Diary of Anne Frank." Mr. Genin shared his knowledge about World War II and the events leading up to it. He gave the class a very interesting lecture on the United States' entry into the war. He discussed Japan's reasons for attacking the United States at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and he explained why Japan found it necessary to control the Pacific Ocean. The attack on Pearl Harbor, of course, prompted the U.S. to enter the war against Germany and Japan, which brought us to the plight of the Jewish people in Germany. Mr. Genin's talk provided detailed background information which helped us to understand the story of Anne Frank and others like her.

The class found this background information very interesting, and we were amazed with what Mr. Genin had to say about World War II. Many of us had no idea that he used to teach history, but it is clear that he knows much about it. We learned a lot about why Anne Frank and her family had to go into hiding.

Bruce Rushing, a fellow classmate, said, "I think Mr. Genin's presentation was very helpful in understanding what happened over sixty years ago. I know 'The Diary of Anne Frank' will be easier to read because of the amount of information I learned, and I hope Mr. Genin will come back and visit us again sometime."

A twentieth century mystery

By SSC Newspaper Staff

As American history begins to be made in the twenty-first century, many of this country's greatest twentieth century mysteries remain unsolved. One such puzzle still missing many of its pieces is the Lindbergh Baby kidnapping which occurred on March 1, 1932, in Hopewell, New Jersey. Recently SSC eighth grade English classes spent some of their learning time trying to determine the innocence or guilt of the accused kidnapper, Bruno Hauptmann.

The assignment was designed to perk students' interest in learning about the 1930s and pre WWII America, an age that witnessed great leaps in technology and a time that recognized courageous achievements like the trans-Atlantic flight of Charles A. Lindbergh. Students learned the actual facts of the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, and then they conducted mock trials where each student created a personality to fit his role. Roles ran the gamut: Attorneys, witnesses, judge, jurors, the accused, and even a bailiff. Students became familiar with courtroom procedure and legal jargon as numerous objections and grounds for objections resounded throughout the classroom.

For approximately two weeks, a portion of daily class time centered on the "trial." All students took notes about testimonies and relied upon these notes to render verdicts of innocence or guilt in assigned persuasive essays. Trial participants who were randomly selected as jurors brought forth a verdict in each class trial. Unlike actual history, Bruno Hauptmann was found innocent in the majority of classroom verdicts. The real

Hauptmann, as we know, was found guilty and executed by electrocution. Students had some comments about the assignment.

Jose Ortiz: "I liked the research work we did about the trial. Before we did this, I did not know who Charles Lindbergh was."

Jordan Ellis: "I liked the trial because we had our own parts in it."

Kevin Kernel: "It was fun being a witness. I enjoyed the thought of not knowing what I would be asked on the witness stand."

Joe Gibbons: "I thought it was fun but the defense's case had little logic, and I think the verdict was wrong, but it was fun."

Jackson Boone: "I think it was a fair trial, but I disagree with the verdict."

Robert Watson: "It was fun creating our own characters."

Brad Bissonette: "The trial was very intriguing and made me think about all of the evidence because one small bit of evidence could determine the fate of the defendant."



Sophomore class makes cells

By Edward Jasper

Before Christmas holidays, Mr. Rock's sophomore religion class was given an extra credit assignment. They were told to make a model of a cell out of anything edible (cookies, candy, etc.). Many of his students did just this, thirty-five to be exact.

You may be asking, "What do cells have to do with a religion class?" Well, it's quite simple. A cell is made up of many parts. The Catholic Church is made up of many people, yet it is all one faith: "One faith, many people." So it does have something to do with religion.

When the thirty-five students brought their projects in, and some were partner projects, the students were all able to come back to the classroom at recess and eat their cell creations.



A sophomore cell creation before consumption!

Rock-A-Chaw Basketball-Same Song-Same Verse-Different Year

By Grayson Timidaiski, Tyler Gallagher, and Coach Jay Ladner

As usual, The 2000-2001 edition of the Rock-A-Chaw basketball team entered the season with lofty expectations. Coming off of last year's impressive 29-6 campaign, the Jackson Clarion Ledger pinned a #14 State wide ranking on this year's club, despite the loss of nine seniors from last year's squad and no returning starter's measuring over 6'0". The ranking was probably more due to the tradition of excellence rather than real expectations. Coach Ladner commented, "The tradition of excellence is something that we've come to expect each winter from a program that has won three division championships, posted six 20 win seasons, six playoff appearances, advanced to the state tournament and invitational tournament championships too many to mention in the past eight years. All this despite playing perhaps the most rugged schedule in Mississippi's class AAAA. While most teams feast on a cream puff non-league schedule, SSC traditionally battles the cream of the crop from Mississippi and surround-



Number 20, Grady Willis plans his attack.

ing states to help toughen them up for league play and what has become an inevitable playoff run."

As of January 16th, the Rock-A-Chaws stand at 18-7 with a crucial league contest at always tough Columbia. St. Stanislaus teams each year seem to rely on the same formula for success. Tenacious man for man defense, intense effort, and outstanding team play provide the SSC basketball formula for success.

SSC senior forward Grayson Timidaiski says the goals of the team are to break or tie last year's record and achieve a thirty-win season. "We hope to repeat district championships," says Grayson, "and to continue team improvement to advance to the playoffs." Grayson along with fellow seniors Grady Willis-guard, Jason Santiago-guard, Brandon Arcement-guard, Mike Ryan-guard, and Lee Howard-forward continue to maintain their senior duties of providing leadership to younger teammates. "On behalf of the team," adds Grayson, "we appreciate the continuous support and confidence given to us from coaches and fans and the continued support of all who follow the SSC Rock-A-Chaws and their traditions."

Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer Stats

Varsity
Overall Record: 15-5-2
District Record: 9-1
Shutouts: 7
GF/Average: 88/4.0
GA/Average: 24/1.1

Goals	Assists
Doty - 15	Powell - 8
Heaps - 13	Hansell - 8
Cranford - 11	Heaps - 8
Brooks - 9	Lewis - 7
Kenny - 7	Brooks - 5
Kulikowski - 4	Leonard - 5
Kivlan - 3	Kivlan - 4
Turfit - 3	Breland - 3
Powell - 3	Natal - 2
Brodtmann - 2	Fitzmaurice - 2
Lingsch - 2	Cranford - 2
Leonard - 2	Brodtmann - 2
Lewis - 2	Doty - 2
Hansell - 2	Strickland - 1
Johnson - 2	Turfit - 1
Breland - 2	Bourgeois - 1
Boxx - 1	Johnson - 1
Bourgeois - 1	Vollenweider - 1
Aguilar - 4	Aguilar - 2

Junior Varsity
Overall Record: 4-0-2
District Record: N/A
Shutouts: 5
GF/Average: 22/3.7
GA/Average: 2/0.3

Goals	Assists
Bourgeois - 4	Kivlan - 3
Kivlan - 2	Natal - 2
Brodtmann - 2	
Brodtmann - 2	
Donohoe - 2	Johnson - 1
Johnson - 2	Bourgeois - 1
Lingsch - 2	Ticer - 1
Vollenweider - 1	Aguilar - 1
Cannon - 1	Treutel - 1
Boxx - 1	Natal - 1
Aguilar - 3	

SSC Soccer: Another great year!

By Jake Johnson

This year's soccer season has been a successful one so far. The team's record as of right now is seven wins, three losses, and two ties. Our boys competed in a tournament hosted by Harrison Central. The team went two and two, against mostly 5A schools while SSC is only a 4A school. Most of the starters were unable to play and the team had to go to their bench for help. Another factor that also hindered our fight for a championship title was that the weather had been bad the day before the tournament, and the field was left a mess and mud was everywhere. Under these conditions any team from any district and in any division could win or lose to the best or worse teams around. Under these circumstances the team did not do so bad. They made it all the way to the semi-finals where they faced the 5A team from Brandon, Mississippi.

Leading the varsity rocks this season in goals is Senior David Heaps with nine goals. Heaps also leads the team in assists with five, tied with Freshmen Kyle Lewis and Junior Jeffrey Hansell. Leading the Junior Varsity rocks in goals is Jarrod Bourgeois with four goals and Michael Kivlan with three assists.

The junior high soccer team is also enjoying a successful season.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION
OF THE
ST. STANISLAUS FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES
2000 SEASON

WHEREAS, The St. Stanislaus Jr. High Football Team has just accomplished the excellence of an undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, The St. Stanislaus Jr. High Football Team has compiled a two year record of 15 wins against only one loss; and

WHEREAS, This achievement has earned Coach Will Seymour Coach of the Year honors for the past two year; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that these achievements were realized through hard work, dedication, and commitment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby recognize and commend St. Stanislaus Jr. High Football Team and Coaches, Will Seymour and Richard Santiago for their achievements and commitment to excellence.

John T. Lungo
John T. Lungo
Mayor

It's About Time

By Padrick Dennis

After eight years of the Clinton and Gore team and weeks of waiting since the election, it is about time that George W. Bush and Richard Cheney are in the White House. Such a transfer of power is a unique and educational experience rivaling the events following this year's vote. This year is special in that it is only the second time that a son has followed his father as president, and it is the two-hundredth anniversary of the first inauguration in Washington D.C., which was that of Thomas Jefferson.

Fortunately, I was able to attend this year's festivities along with my family. Everything began on a dismal note of leaving late and being diverted to a different airport, but spirits soon rose as we were informed that the plane we were on would be taken directly to Washington. A few hours later, we arrived at Reagan National Airport amid a cold rain and the bustle of the many people attending the inauguration.

Thursday night, we kicked things off at the "Red, White, and Blues," a social sponsored by the state of Mississippi. There I was privileged to meet

Senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran as well as Representatives Roger Wicker and Chip Pickering all of Mississippi. During the social, musical entertainment was provided by the Queen of Blues, Koko Taylor, and a former Stanislaus student, Delbert McClinton.

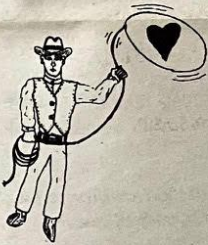
After a short night of sleep, we ate breakfast and heard a speech from Bob Novak, the host of CNN's Crossfire. Following breakfast, we visited the offices of Mississippi's senators and dropped in on a few moments of the Ashcroft hearings. Later that afternoon, my sister and I attended the "Celebrating America's Youth" concert. This featured artists such as Destiny's Child, Jessica Simpson, and Nine Days, as well as speeches by George W. Bush, George P. Bush, and the Secretaries designate of Housing and Urban Development, Education, and State, Colin Powell.

Saturday was the much anticipated big day, and it proved to be no less. Beginning the day was the "Mimosas and Magnolias" reception hosted by Mississippi which included guests such as Senators Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms, Orin Hatch, and Jim Bunting. Accompanying these guests were several CEOs and other notable people.

Next, the actual transfer of power changed as Dick Cheney and George W. Bush were sworn in and assumed power. Following the rainy ceremonies, we returned to the hotel to warm up prior to the inaugural parade. However, we decided to stay at the hotel and watch the parade on TV. That was probably a good thing as we later discovered that the lines through security check points were long and protesters were demonstrating in the areas near our seats.

At about 6 p.m. I donned my tuxedo and left for one of the inaugural balls. We arrived in the rain and passed through security and entered the ballroom. We danced for a while to various tunes including a few from our master of ceremonies Wayne Newton. At about 10:30, the Vice-president made his speech and was followed by the President. Following their appearances, we decided it was about time to get back to the hotel and prepare for our flight home in the morning. As we left the ball, we were greeted by a light snowfall, which made for a memorable end to an unforgettable experience.

"People will say we're in love"



Oklahoma Cast In Order of Appearance

Aunt Eller.....	Alicia Asper
Curly.....	Preston Ellis
Laurey.....	Rachel Dauro
Ike Skidmore.....	David Cruthards
Fred.....	Derek Fogarty
Slim.....	Paul Thibodeaux
Will Parker.....	Adair Beany
Jud Fry.....	Dustin Tasker
Ado Annie.....	Ashley Timidaiski
Alf Hakim.....	Brandon Gossett
Gertie Cummins.....	Ashley Nelson
Ellen.....	Brady Bordelon
Frannie.....	Mimsie Ladner
Sarah.....	Erin Stechmann
Kate.....	Ashton Johnson
Sylvie.....	Courtney Schade
Armina.....	Megan Walton
Aggie.....	Rebecca Wright
Andrew Carnes.....	Patrick Clark
Cord Elam.....	Andrew Nestor
Jess.....	Daniel Wilson
Chalmers.....	Billy Sherman
Mike.....	Tyler Gallagher

Student Director.....Dustin Tasker
Choreographer.....Rachel Dauro
Director.....Mrs. Terry Carr



"You're Doing Fine, Oklahoma!"
Performances: March 30th and 31st

Helping out

By Britt Hormanski

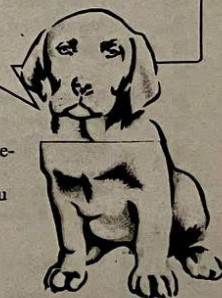
Over the years, St. Stanislaus has spent hours upon hours, building, gathering, and volunteering to help numerous businesses/families have a brighter day.

One charity that is in its third year is Mrs. Holmes' Humane Society Project. Students in Mrs. Holmes' English classes, as well as others, spend a month gathering bleach, towels, laundry detergent, chew toys, dog and cat food, and other necessary items. After the donations are collected, Mrs. Holmes takes a few students to the Waveland Animal shelter to distribute the items.

This year, Mrs. Holmes' 7th/8th grade English class is collecting the contributions and is set to visit the animals on February 19. The doctors and employees at the Shelter are always very appreciative of St. Stanislaus' generosity, and the animals certainly enjoy the company and time outside their cages!

If anyone is interested in helping Mrs. Holmes and the Waveland Humane Society out, please see her for information on how you may assist with the project.

**"Don't forget us;
we would love a
good home!"**



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WE ASKED YOU

By John S. Waterman

It's a brand New Year (or New Millennium, as the case may be) in the US of A. The stock market's fluctuating. Bush is President. Bad things are happening in the Middle East. With all these cheerful things in mind, what are YOU doing to make this year a better one?

"Lose 20 more pounds by summer"
--Tyler Gallagher

"Kick all my bad habits"
--DeLance Boggs

"Copyright all my music"
--Andrew Pretzella

"Charge more for building computers."
--Andrew Waterman

"To take Andrew's profits"
--David Bradley

"Think of a resolution for next year."
--Grayson Timidashi

"To find a new girlfriend, 'cause mine likes John"
--Jake Johnson

"To get into UC Berkeley"
--Gary Leung

"I don't have one."
--Kent Maddox

"To lose my bad habits."
--Edward Jasper

Did you know ...
By David Bradley

Valentine's Day originated during the Middle Ages in England and France.

There were at least three different St. Valentines mentioned in the early Catholic Church, all martyrs.

It started on February 14 because supposedly half-way through the second month of the year birds began to pair.

The first St. Valentine is described as a priest that lived in Rome.

Second, is a bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

"To get my parents to let me drive the car."
--Michael Enloe

"To make 'A's' in Journalism"
--Curtis Schmidt

"To get stronger for football."
--Bob Bass

"To stay in shape."
--Nick Weinmann

"To get a mustang."
--Chris Ohlymeyer

"To date Brittany Spears."
--Josh Schultz

"To make an A in English class, and do better in Algebra."
--John Chapoton

"To date more girls."
--Darius Acker

"To be the best in sports that I can."
--Adam Delgado

"To have a good relationship with God."
--Bateta Dilukila

"To lead people closer to God."
--Joel Tate

"To win the lottery, so I can fly first class."
--Marc Belizaire

Both of these men seemed to have suffered in the second half of the third century and they both were buried on the Flaminian Way.

The third St. Valentine suffered in Africa with a number of companions. This is all that is known of him.

15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day

35 million boxes of heart shaped candy were bought last Valentine's Day

73% of American men buy flowers on February 14

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Relating to God



"Wherever two or more are gathered in my name..."

By SSC Newspaper Staff

Lots of schools offer their students excellent educations in picturesque, serene settings, but St. Stanislaus gives its students something much more important than knowledge and scenery. St. Stanislaus is a place where each student can relate to God. On a daily basis, students have opportunities to learn not only the teachings of Christ, but to live them in their words and actions. Each class begins with a prayer, and there is the feeling that as Jesus said, "wherever two or more are gathered in My name, I am there." His presence is the heart of St. Stanislaus.

Students express His love in the every day

kindnesses they extend toward others. Academic Assistance teacher, Mrs. Helen Simpson, noted with delight the birthday present one of her students had given to her. "Wasn't that sweet? He remembered my birthday," she said as she regarded the gift. "I always notice the students who will open the door for me, especially when my arms are encumbered," said English teacher, Mrs. Bradbrook. It isn't difficult to see the kindness; it's around every day. Several students will offer to assist an injured friend who may have a broken arm or leg. These students will carry additional book bags in order to help. In computer classes, Mr. Cody Zilverberg will often observe students helping others. "If a student is having difficulty establishing an E-mail address, or some other computer usage problem, invariably another student will try to help even though this means the second student loses much of his computer time in the effort."

Students also assist by serving as student ministers. There are fifteen senior student ministers working with Mr. Edward Duhon, Campus Minister. Joel Tate is one of these students who believes his role as student minister is a very important one. "I became a student minister," said Joel, "so that I could carry God throughout my day and try to help others become closer to God." Students also travel to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Mission at Klagetoh in Arizona.

Here they give their time, energy, and caring to needy people. These Christian acts are yet more ways in which SSC students live the teachings of Jesus. Senior Patrick Clark, who visited the mission at Christmas break, said, "The Brothers have given us such a great opportunity by taking groups of students out to the mission. It opens up our eyes to what is really important in life. Perhaps the greatest lesson I learned at the mission is that love truly does conquer all obstacles."

At St. Stanislaus, students feel comfortable about expressing their love of God to others. Senior Joaquin Balaguer asked to share something very special to him and his brothers, Rodolfo and Danilo. He wished share a letter written by his mother, Gema Maria Garcia Hernandez, who is deceased. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

Life is a long journey of frustrations and hopes. Only strong spirits acquire victories, and faith is an essential element for these. Without faith in ourselves, our journey will be unsure. Without faith in God, we will go through life blind-folded, without seeing what He has reserved for us. In patience, He will give us peace. In pain, He will give us consolation. In faithfulness, He will give us redemption. Faith makes us cherish our blessings and who we are.

A part of something good To all readers....

By Andrew Pretzello

Being in the St. Stanislaus Marching and Symphonic Bands is great. Although these are two totally different types of band, the people are the same. The band is really fun and provides you with chances of moving on to something better musically. The band, like any extra-curricular activity or sport, shows how people can work together to become a team.

Playing at football games, competitions, and concerts are all parts of being in the band. In November, the band attended the Gold Medal Classic Marching Band Festival. The band scored an excellent in overall band. "The band did really well in the festival, better than we all thought we would do," said Mr. Barrilloux. In the concert on December 8, the band played Christmas music. It was a lot of fun because you got to socialize after the concert. The football games provide you with a chance to meet other people in different bands and perform your music for them.

Under the direction of Mr. John Barrilloux, things have been going the band's way, so well in fact, that Mr. Barrilloux has become a friend as well as a teacher, and that is what band is all about. "Mr. Barrilloux is the best instructor that I've had since I've been here," said eighth grader Joe Gibbons.

The band has improved so much since last year, and we have hope that by next year we will have twice the number of people. We hope to also have new uniforms and to take a trip next year. Band is one of the best things that I have ever done at this school, and I am proud of that.

Throughout the past three years, the Rock-A-Chaw has progressed greatly. Through the great help from the teachers, students, and our moderator Mrs. Bradbrook, we have been able to make each paper better than the last. The school paper has benefited greatly from the updated computer lab and the assistance of Mr. Zilverberg, without whose help we wouldn't have the online sources and programs to make the newspaper possible. Also, the photography of Brother Charles and student volunteers continues to contribute to each edition. I would also like to thank the students of the Journalism I class who strive to bring SSC interesting and informative news. Without the help of all these people we would not have a paper, and we encourage all students who want to do anything for the paper to do so. We always need the extra help.

Kunal Patel
Editor In Chief

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A.C.E. A success story



This past December, hundreds of grammar and middle school students from all over south Mississippi came to St. Stanislaus in order to participate in the 10th annual Academics Competition for Excellence challenge. A.C.E. is a competition that test the abilities of fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students in the areas of mathematics, science, English, social studies, and the newly

added, computer literacy.

Mrs. Anne Schade and Mrs. Sandra Odom coordinated the event, and SSC was pleased to host A.C.E., which continues to give recognition to Mississippi's high academic achievers.

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Thanks to all who
contributed to the Key Club's
Penny Power Contest!
All money collected is donated
to charities. Contest results
will be announced today!



Team Trivia Tournament

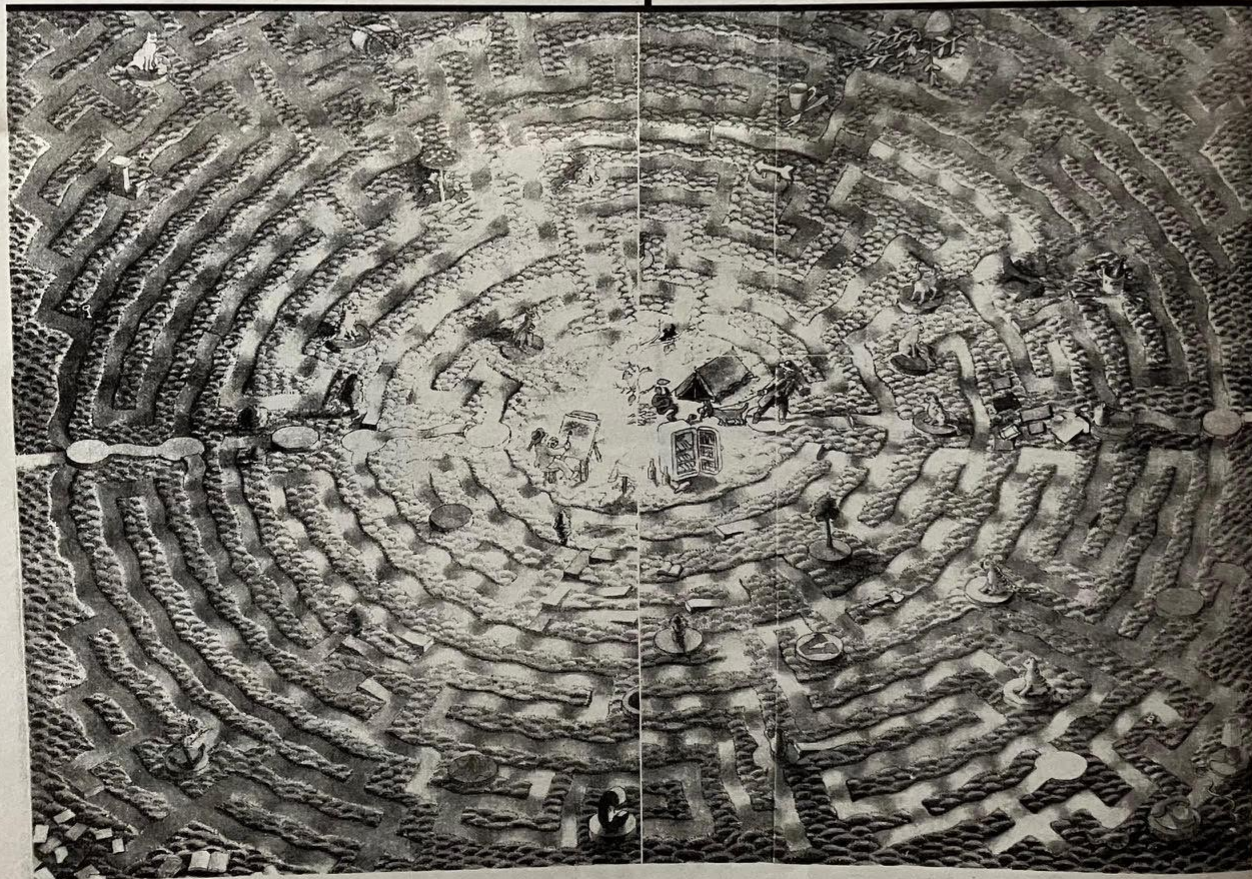
at Saint Stanislaus College

Thursday, February 8, 2001
7 - 9 PM

All students, alumni, parents, friends, faculty members, and staff are invited to our next **Team Trivia Tournament** to be held at school on Thursday, February 8, 2001, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Entries are for teams of five only and must be submitted with a \$10 entry fee to the office of Mrs. Susan Estrade no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7. Junior High teams must include at least one adult.

Need help forming a team? Simply submit your name with a \$2 entry fee to Mrs. Estrade, and she will assist you in forming one.



Senior Neil
Favre
bats .600

See Sports



New Styles in Stu-
dent Assignments

See Academics



Play our April Fools Contest
and Win!!!

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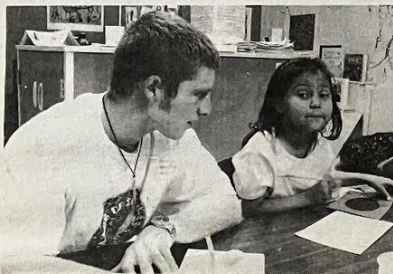
Rock-A-Chat

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A time for giving



Senior Travis Russ enjoys working with his young student.

By David Bradley

The Lenten Season is a special time for Christians to live the teachings of Christ through giving and sacrifice. This past Mardi Gras break, nine seniors were able to live out Christ's teachings in a very unique way.

These nine SSC students (Geoff Ballero, Patrick Clark, Hunter Dawkins, Chris Mensi, Andrew Nestor, Michael Pugh, Travis Ross, Kevin Stoltz, and Dustin Tasker) accompanied by Mr. Duhon, Brother Ronald Hingle, and Brother Charles flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, early Saturday morning and from there took a seven hour bus ride to the St. Anne's Mission in Klagetoh, Arizona. Here these seniors received the experience of a lifetime.

As soon as our students arrived they saw a condition that was foreign to their own. They stayed in a small hospitality house on the reservation. Here, poverty was the norm for many families and villages, but often the lack of material things was replaced with the love and compassion so often shown by the Navajos.

For five days, these men of character made a differ-

ence to the Navajos that lived on the reservation in a number of important ways. The students started off by helping the elderly and needy families with home repair. Many of the houses in the area were in bad shape, and our SSC family helped to paint and refinish these houses with constant work and effort. These seniors and faculty members also aided a local elementary school. Our students read to the children and lent a hand in producing one of the school's small drama productions.

Navajo culture offered new and interesting experiences to the group. One night they were invited to participate in a traditional Navajo dance. Another night the students shared in a Sweat Lodge Ceremony. Participants sat around a small pit in which hot lava rocks were thrown. The purpose of this ceremony is deeply rooted in Native American tradition. After a few minutes the lava rocks start to make those participating in the ceremony perspire. The Navajos believe that when you perspire, many of the spiritual toxins, sins, and other things holding you back from becoming closer to God and others are eliminated.

Experiences like these were new to our SSC seniors, but this visit to the mission was not a first. Eight years ago in 1993,

Brother Canisius met a Dominican sister that lived on the St. Anne's mission. From this starting point, talks led to an annual trip to the reservation, where



Senior Kevin Stoltz gives a ride to a new friend.

our young men of character could give their help to those who really needed it, and they could learn to experience Jesus in their lives in a whole new way through their exchange with this remarkable group of people.

Undoubtedly, the seniors had an unbelievable time on this trip. Geoff Ballero commented, "The trip to Klagetoh was all around just an awesome experience. I just hope the people were able to learn as much from us as we learned from them." This trip truly shows what great things can come when a Christian attitude, an open heart, and a giving hand come together.

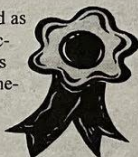


Arizona's Canyon de Chelly provides a beautiful background for a mission group picture.

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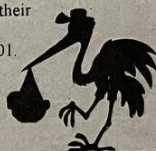
An Exemplary Teacher!

Mrs. Mary Jo Barr was selected as the 2000-2001 Outstanding Faculty Member. Mrs. Barr teaches seventh grade science and mathematics. Thanks for all you do, Mrs. Barr!



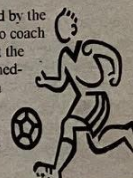
A Star is Born!

Mrs. Brandy Schruoff and her husband Stephen recently welcomed their first child, Stephen Charles Schruoff, Jr., on March 2, 2001. Mrs. Schruoff is an ESL and foreign language teacher. Our congratulations to the Schruoff Family.



A Top Coach!

Coach Andy Kivlan has been selected by the Mississippi Association of Coaches to coach seniors from high schools throughout the state in the All-Star Soccer Game scheduled for July 7, 2001. The Coca-Cola Company is sponsoring the game, which will be played at Hinds Community College in Raymond, located near Jackson.



Academic quiz bowl team

By DeLance Boggs

The Academic quiz bowl team consists of eleven people and is moderated by Mrs. Renée Hamm. Competitions are held each Monday in February and March and consist of three rounds of play. Opponents are determined by luck of the draw. There are two types of questions. The toss-up questions are worth 10 points and the Bonus questions are worth 20-30 points. The team has competed against Biloxi, St. John, Gulfport, Ocean Springs, Pascagoula, Pass Christian, and St. Martin High Schools. The St. Stanislaus Quiz Bowl Team's record is eleven wins and only one loss. The team has made the "Final Four" which will be held in April. The top two teams will be televised in May. Members of the St. Stanislaus Quiz Bowl Team include Dustin Tasker--Captain, Padrick Dennis--Co-Captain, Hunter Dawkins, Chris Mensi, Albert Li, Gary Leung, Brian Sy, Adair Beany, Bobby Morril, James Wilkinson, and Sherwin Leung.

"We are the Quiz Bowl gods!!!"

-Dustin Tasker-

Sample Toss-up Questions:

1.) When did the motto of the U.S., "In God We Trust" at last become the officially accepted one?

2.) The Rosetta Stone, which, when translated, unlocked the secret of most of the Egyptian hieroglyphics, was a slab of what kind of material?

3.) In what adventure tale did the following saying originate: "Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"?

Sample Bonus Questions:

1.) The English language has specific terms to describe groups of animals. A group of geese is referred to as a gaggle. For 20 points, 5 for each correct response, what name is used for the following collection of animals?

- A. Lions
- B. Gnats
- C. Elks
- D. Kangaroos

2.) The 1930's were an eventful decade for international relations. For 20 points, 5 for each correct response, give the year in which each of the following happened.

- A. the beginning of the Spanish Civil War
- B. Japan's invasion of Manchuria
- C. Italy's invasion of Ethiopia
- D. Hitler became the Chancellor of Germany

3.) While most people can identify our assassinated presidents, for 20 points, 5 for each correct response, name the 20th Century presidents who, like Ronald Reagan had serious attempts made on their lives

Answers to Toss-ups: 1)-1956

2)-Basalt

3)-Treasure Island

Answers to Bonus: 1)-Pride, Cloud, Gang, Mob or Troop

2)- 1936, 1931, 1935, 1933

3)-Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Gerald Ford

English AP

By John Waterman

Juniors and Seniors looking for a more challenging English class need look no further. SSC now offers Advanced Placement (AP) English courses for students who wish for a more in-depth and demanding English course.

This year, English III AP is taught by Mr. Stephen Flannery. There is a greater emphasis on composition as well as analyzing and adopting the rhetorical strategies used by skilled writers. There is little formal grammar instruction as students are expected to already have a command of grammatical English. Several novels are being studied as well, such as *Lord of the Flies* and *The Woman Warrior*. Numerous essays by a wide range of authors are studied along with these books. Several plays, including *Much Ado About Nothing* will be read as well. The Students must also write an eight to ten page research paper. Students can also receive credit for composition classes if they pass the AP exam. English III AP is also offered to students at Our Lady Academy, and currently six OLA juniors are taking the class.

Senior English AP is taught by Mrs. Renée Hamm. This year, SSC Seniors faced a demanding, but often enjoyable year. Seniors taking this advanced class may receive college credit if they pass the AP exam this spring. This year, the class focused on composition and novels, as well as the study of two college level text books. Some of the novels read this year are *Catch-22*, *A Lesson Before Dying*, *Invisible Man*, and *All Quiet on the Western Front*. The class is also responsible for a ten to fifteen page research paper.

As an AP student myself, I can comment that while challenging, these classes are an excellent way to prepare for college. Students looking for more serious and demanding English classes can now find them at SSC.

Academic Assistance: What is it?

By Michael Enloe

Very few people know what Academic Assistance really is. It is a program that assists students that have been diagnosed with a learning disability, such as dyslexia. Mrs. Helen Simpson, director of the Academic Assistance Department, says, "Our program is actually designed for students with average and above average IQ's." The program provides modifications each student may need to learn so that all may be successful in their regular classes. These modifications may include extra time for tests, oral testing, and note-taking assistance. Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Cynthia Clark work together to assist students.

During the Academic Assistance period, the students are on a schedule. First, prayer and announcements are read. The students have a journal topic every day, and each student selects a subject to work on. Then, the students work on a particular study skill or self-improvement skill. The juniors and seniors are working in a book called *Study Power*. The freshmen and sophomores are working

with *7 Habits Of Highly Effective Teens*. This takes work takes up part of the period. For the rest of the time, students study in individual or small study groups. Extra help is given after school to help students prepare for major tests.

In order to enter the Academic Assistance Program, a student must be diagnosed with a learning disability. This is done using a psycho educational evaluation administered by a doctor or psychoanalyst. This evaluation states the leading disorder and how it can be remediated. The student must then consult with Brother Ronald Hingle and Mrs. Simpson. If space is available, and the student is in need of academic help, the student is accepted into the program. Only forty students per year are accepted.

Both Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Simpson love working with these students. Mrs. Simpson remarked, "I really feel privileged to be able to work with our students because of their dedication to hard work."

A guest speaker

By Andrew Waterman

While studying the cultures of African countries in Mr. Moran's Global Studies class, we were honored by the presence of a guest speaker. Mr. Percy Roberts. He shared interesting stories with our class about his travels to Africa. He was extremely knowledgeable about South African society and culture. As a former boxer and currently a trainer, Mr. Roberts originally made many business trips to the African continent, particularly to South Africa. Eventually, he converted to the religion of Islam, having found both South African religion and culture to be his calling.

Mr. Roberts also gave a brief lecture on the government and society of South Africa. One major concern was the apartheid movement, a strict legal separation of the races, where the sixteen percent white minority controlled the South African government until 1994, when Nelson Mandela was elected as the country's first president by all the people of South Africa.

Speaking for our class, this writer feels that Mr. Roberts, and other future speakers, enrich one's experience in a classroom environment while learning about foreign cultures.

New styles in student assignments



Brad Reinhart wants "To count, or recount?"

By Edward Jasper

Many students at SSC are working creatively on assignments that require much more effort than the standard textbook ones. Some of these are making movies that follow along with the parables taught in Coach Stumpf's religion class, the "Titanic" projects in Mrs. Holmes's English classes, Science Fair projects in Mrs. Barr's class, and Ms. Borderlon's Adobe Photoshop projects.

Students in Ms. Borderlon's Art I class are exploring the use of computer technology as an artistic medium. This mini unit developed by Ms. Borderlon and Mr. Zilverberg is an interdisciplinary unit combining Computer Technology and the Visual Arts. Two major projects are being created by the students: one is a self-portrait, and the other is based on the theme of "social issues."

Some of the students in Ms. Borderlon's class commented on the assignment. "The Adobe Printshop project that we are doing in Ms. Borderlon's class is both fun and resourceful; we get to use our imaginations and get to interact with new technology," said Jake Johnson. Denise Huckabee said, "The Photoshop project is great because it is a new way to do art and it's easy!" T.J. Koger added, "The Adobe Photoshop in Ms. Borderlon's class is an artistic way to use computers and probably the only art I can do."

Mrs. Barr said she assigned science projects to her students instead of a third quarter exam. She gave the projects as an assignment so the students could apply what they had learned so far this year. Students were given the option to use either scientific method or a PowerPoint presentation on something covered in their science book. They were advised about the projects in the first semester so they could make a choice. Three classes of 7th graders participated in



Kevin Duveilh, Miles Hester, and Ross Langrave used scientific method to answer a question they were curious about in their 7th grade Science Class.

the projects. They had to work independently since the assignment counted for an exam grade. There were no restrictions on outside assistance, but the students were given weekly progress checks to make sure they were doing much of the work on their own. They did, however, have to list their helpers' names in their acknowledgements. Unfortunately there is not a contest involved with this assignment, but next year maybe there will be a science fair in which some students may compete.

These three students in Mrs. Barr's class, Logan Levy, Brad Reinhart, and Ross Hotard did exceptional work on their projects, and all of the students gave wonderful efforts with the projects. Some students commented about the assignments. Brad Reinhart, whose project titled "To Count or Recount" said, "I enjoyed this project a lot, because I learned that hand



Garrett Gros, Christopher Rogers, and Don Haller investigated battery life, corrosion, and osmosis for their third quarter exam.

counts weren't accurate. I also was able to learn about voting and the process voters go through." Logan Levy who did "Color Detecting Robot" said "I had a great time doing this project because I have always been interested in robotics so I got to take my first step into the world of robots. I learned that robots are kind of complicated and frustrating." Ross Hotard who did "Black Holes" said, "I loved

doing this project. I've always been interested with space phenomena. I learned theories on what happens to an object when it is sucked into a black hole." It took each student about two months to complete his project. Logan Levy and Brad Reinhart both want to do a project like this again, and Ross Hotard said, "Now that I have learned something about the black hole, I want to learn something new."

We asked Coach Mike Stumpf to comment about his religion projects. He replied, "Students were asked to take the parables from the Gospels and to teach the parables in

modern terms through videos skits, PowerPoint presentations, and visual aids such as pictures or



Left to right, Shane Cordray, Chris Miller, Andrew Parker, Ross Hotard (seated), Logan Levy (on floor), and James Langdon produced some interesting solutions to questions they answered for their third quarter exam.

drawings." Coach Stumpf added that he was impressed by all of the work that went into presenting the parables. A total of thirty students turned in videos; there were seven PowerPoint projects turned in, and the rest were skits or visual aids.

Mrs. Holmes's students have recently finished their "Titanic Projects," a favorite freshmen assignment. Her honors class had to do a two-part assignment. First they had to do a PowerPoint presentation about a specific facet of the ship, such as the crew, the floor plan, the lack of lifeboat maneuvers, etc. They had to have ten slides that had animation, graphics, music, and scans. The other half of the project was making a model of the ship. Other freshmen students designed unique projects that related to the doomed ship. These ranged in scale from models of the ship, to dinner menus, to crew lists, to name a few. Kris Swartzendruber made wood etchings of the names of victims on a plaque, and Adam Delgado and Will Loftus built a model of the Titanic using red and black licorice, Big Red Bubble Gum, and marshmallows. As always the Titanic projects reflected students' creativity, knowledge, and effort.

Mathematics contest

By Tyler Gallagher

On March 22, 2001, the annual Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics District Contest took place at Pearl River Community College. The top two scoring students in the seventh and eighth grades from various local schools had the opportunity to take part in this competition. The two boys in the seventh grade from SSC are Matthew Planchard and Brad Reinhart. Our school's two eighth graders who made it into the competition are Robert Goggins and Heath Hansell. SSC Math teacher Mrs. Pat Cousins supervised the participants, who all enjoyed taking part in the competition. Heath Hansell noted, "The math competition at PRCC was an interesting experience. There were many other students from various schools. The test itself, was challenging, but the "sports" activities were fun and exciting. All participants were recognized as winners. It was a true honor and pleasure for me to participate in this competition."

Sailing 2001: Another great year



SSC/OLA Skippers Ben Puckett, Schaeffer Dane, Melissa Chapoton, and Joey Stokes compete for skipper spots for Baker and Mallory Qualifiers.

By Newspaper Staff

The 2000-2001 SSC/OLA sailing team put forth the best effort they could, but it wasn't good enough to grab the sport for the nationals to be sailed in Charleston, South Carolina, in May.

Ben Puckett, Schaeffer Dane, Melissa Chapoton, Keith Puckett, John Chapoton, Joey Stokes, Wynne Taylor, and Will Harris put in long hours (and some very cold) preparing for the national qualifiers. They sailed them on March 24th in New Orleans. Their efforts were

noted as they sailed eight great races giving them an overall solid second place. However, second was not good enough this year. In the past, the southeastern district has been able to send two teams to the qualifiers every year. This year, the district shrank and only one team will travel to Charleston. Jesuit will be representing this area in May. This is disappointing; our sailing team is better than they have been in the past and I know they would have done very well in Charleston. Maybe next year they can beat Jesuit and travel to the nationals again.



Melissa and John Chapoton compete for a spot on Baker and Mallory Qualifier Team.

A great start

By Kunal Patel

This year's SSC baseball season has begun on a high note. Senior Neil Favre leads the Varsity team with his current average which is right up there in the .550-.600 range. SSC Athletic Director Coach Jay Ladner had this to say: "We're extremely proud of Neil and his accomplishments. He epitomizes the type of athlete we like here at SSC. We wish him and all of our players continued success."

Varsity Coach Will Seymour talked to us about this year's team. "We've started out strong, and the team is improving every game. We have very good senior leadership, with our senior players forming a strong nucleus. In the four years that I have coached here at SSC, we're seeing our best district start, and we have an excellent chance of finishing first or second in the District."

Coach Seymour stressed that practice is for the most, an everyday demand. He added, "The team is really working diligently; they have a goal, and they are striving to reach their destination. Currently, the Varsity team is third in the District with four wins and three losses. Perhaps the toughest competition for the Rocks will come from Petal, Oak Grove, and Picayune, teams that pose substantial threats for us each year."

The SSC Junior Varsity team is also looking strong this year. Coach Brian Keyes works with the Junior Varsity players. Batter up, Rocks!

Golf 2001 has begun

By Andrew Pretzello

St. Stanislaus' golf season has begun. The team started the season with a Varsity win of 185-176 and a Junior Varsity win of 209-186. "I thought we played pretty well against Mercy Cross for our first match of the year," said Coach Kenson. "I think I could have played better, but there is always next time," said Varsity player Damian Holcomb. T.J. Koger agreed with Damian saying, "Not many of us played well, but we still won." Then, the team moved on to a match against Hancock, Long Beach, and Pass Christian and finished second to a 169 by Long Beach. SSC had a 175; Pass Christian had a 179, and Hancock finished with a 181. Coach Kenson added, "We scored pretty well at Hancock; we played a course that we hadn't played before, of course James Wahl shot a 41, which was a pleasant surprise and managed to finish second to Long Beach. I thought we did a pretty good job."

"It was very good to win; we played from the back tees, and that was challenging, but I just took my time and it came around," said eighth grader James Wahl.

Damian Holcomb also had this to say, "Long Beach and Pass Christian were tough; Hancock's number one and two player didn't play very well, and I think they would have had the match if they would have played better."

Many people would agree that the golf team got off to a good start, including Coach Kenson who said, "Our team is very equal in ability this year, which means that there will be a lot of competition for positions; also, we have two seniors on the team which means

we are a very young team that looks good for the future." "We've got a good tradition here at SSC. We have won seven out of the last eight district championships, so if we continue to improve, I think we will be very competitive and challenged for the district again."

Track 2001

Statistics of the Junior High and Varsity teams.

Junior High

March 21—Hawk Relays—4th Place
March 26—Junior Rock Relays—3rd Place

Varsity

March 21—Hawk Relays—3rd Place

Tennis 2001

SSC/OLA Varsity Tennis Team

4/1 Win/Loss Record

March 6—Hancock—5-0
March 8—Stone County—4-1
March 9—d'Iberville—4-1
March 20—Gulfport—3-2
March 22—St. John—2-3 (loss)

Why attack?

By Andrew Pretzello

Why should we have attacked now? This question is referring to the action that President George W. Bush and his new administration took against Iraq a little over a month after President Bush came to office. Many say that Saddam Hussein was testing Bush to see what he would do in this type of situation. "We, too, learned much about our new President," said historian Michael Beschloss. "Many candidates talk about what they will do during the election, but nobody knows until the moment comes."

Many things made the Bush administration nervous; for one, Iraq hasn't been inspected for nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons for two years. There are many reports that Saddam has built weapons of mass destruction, and is building sanctuaries outside the no-fly zone from which to shoot down British and American warplanes protecting the no-fly zone. By attacking, Bush showed that he wasn't going to be pushed around during his term in office, and he also started his first skirmish. Many also say George W. was standing up for his father by attacking Iraq.

Although reports said that

the Iraq bombing had proved successful, there are other reports that say that near to twenty targets were missed by the warplanes. British Tornados, U.S. Navy F-18's, and Air Force F-15 were the planes flown during the bombing. Experts say that the Navy F-18 at a certain distance, unknown at the time, would miss targets. A flaw in the targeting programs being used caused this.

Personally, I think Bush did the right thing. This shows that he will be an aggressive president, but he could push Saddam too much. If the reports are true that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, then we can't push him too far. Although he threatens a lot, we know that he isn't afraid to take action. My opinion is that we should take action, but we should be careful about what we do and how we do it.

In conclusion, I feel we are on the road to success. We have learned a lot from one bombing. The most important is what our new President will be like and how he will handle situations such as the bombing. Whether Bush is doing this for his father or the fact that Saddam is testing him, he still knew when to take action. That is important to keep a strong nation such as the U.S. safe. As far as the missed targets go, that may be true, but Saddam still knows who is in charge, the United States of America.

SSC STUDENTS EXAMINE

POLITICS

President, indeed

By Michael Enloe

Was the bombing of Iraq *really* necessary, people are asking? Did we *really* have to do it? There's only one problem: in the last two years of the Clinton administration, the United States conducted no less than 13 aerial strikes against the Iraqis. Why should we be so concerned about President Bush? Is it because his father founded the coalition to expel Iraqi troops from Kuwait? Possibly.

Other people say, "But we have not seen a president take such a large step in the first few months of his election." Clinton began actions against Iraq on his second day in office. We haven't, eh?

I really don't see why we are all fired up about Bush bombing Iraq. I believe Bush is being influenced by his dad. Hussein somewhat made George Bush look like a fool for having to commit so many forces to expel a third-world country from a nation smaller than one of our states. Don't get me wrong; I'm glad Bush is in the White House, but I don't think he should be so influenced by his father who has been out of the loop for almost ten years now. Should we wonder who is really controlling the country these days? Is it George W. Bush, or George Bush, the original?

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Dangerous Sports: Are they worth it?

By Jacob Johnson

There are many dangerous sports that people participate in around the world; some of the most common are racecar driving, sky-diving, bungee jumping, moto-cross racing, and football. These are just a few of the most dangerous sports around the world. One sport that I found that is very interesting, though, was a sport where people take rides down a half mile hill on a sixty foot long log that can reach speeds of up to fifty and sixty miles per hour. The whole way down people are falling off, getting themselves trapped under this huge thing all for the "thrill of the ride." The winner is usually the one that it still sitting on the log.

People are constantly putting their lives on the line every day for what they call a "thrill." I, for one, like to watch sports such as these. They seem to have an exhilarating effect, but I can't ever imagine doing these kinds of things for a living. People doing this every day seem to need danger in their lives.

Danger, or the possibility of the presence of danger, is one of the main reasons these people do this, one of the main reasons they put their lives on the line every day.

One instance of a dangerous sport gone wrong was the unfortunate death of respectable racecar driver Dale Earnhardt, a veteran of the sport of stock car racing for twenty-five years. I know that he will be remembered for much longer than that. He had many friends around the nation, one of whom was Atlanta Braves baseball player, Chipper Jones, who said affectionately, "Earnhardt was the one guy, if any, that you thought was indestructible."

Dale Earnhardt and all other extreme sport martyrs will never be forgotten, especially by anyone in the society of extreme sports. Sports, like racecar driving, play out in dangerous arenas, but are the thrills big enough for the price one has to pay to play?

DANGER

The Math and Science Team at its best To the Keys

By Edward Jasper

It has been a tradition at S.S.C. for twenty-six years and has provided numerous students with partial or full scholarships to colleges nationwide. No, it's not the basketball or football

team, or even the baseball team, it is the Math and Science Team. The Math and Science Team consists of at most, ten members. This year there are eight. These are Robert Morell, Albert Li, Tuan Nguyen, Sherwin Leung, Gary Leung, Glen Carpenter, Olisa Aduba, Cheick Sanankoua, and Rodrigo Sevilla. The Math

and Science Team moderator is Mr. Jim Thriffley.

Every year there are competitions at local colleges. The first of this school year took place at Mississippi College in Clinton, MS, on February 2, 2001. The fields of study were Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and Computer Sciences. At this competition Robert Morell placed second in

state in computer science. He received a medal and a \$6,000 scholarship to Mississippi College. He was in the top 20% in math and by this also received a \$1,200 scholarship. Albert Li placed in the top 5% in chemistry and the top 10% in math. His total earnings of scholarship money were



Mr. Jim Thriffley and the Math and Science Team members prepare to leave for a competition.

\$4,000. Tuan Nguyen placed in the top 5% in the physics and the top 10% in math earning \$2,000 in scholarships for both. Sherwin Leung also scored in the top 10% in math and also earned a \$2,000 scholarship. Glen Carpenter placed in the top 20% in math and earned a \$1,200 scholarship.

On Monday,

April 2, 2001, the Math and Science Team will travel to U.S.M. to compete again. This time there will be both visual experiments and a written test. Good luck, Rocks.

By DeLance Boggs

The Scuba Club has planned a trip to the Florida Keys during the upcoming Easter Break. Seven certified divers and the Scuba Club Instructor, Mr. Schultz, will make their way down to Isla Morada the Wednesday following Easter. These divers along with Mr. Arcement and one of the diver's fathers will fly to Miami and then rent a car that will take them to the Keys.

Isla Morada is located south of Key Largo. The Florida Keys, especially the mid-Keys, are considered to be Caribbean diving and the best domestic diving in the United States.

Mr. Schultz has taught classes down in the Keys and is very familiar with the areas in which the club will dive. "We will see a lot of different reef formations as well as turtles because May is mating season for the sea turtles. The divers will also visit a wall that runs 90 feet down, which is not typical for the area."

In the three days that the Scuba Club will be down in Florida, they will make a total of ten dives in which the divers who are not already at the level of advanced certification will have the opportunity to achieve this status. "In order to do a night dive and to descend to some of these depths, the divers must be advanced, so, while we are down in the Keys, the regularly certified divers will take an advanced course," said Mr. Schultz.

The Scuba Club will be offering certification classes for diving and taking a few scuba trips in early May. For details, see Mr. Shultz.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart serving SSC: Brother Adrian Gaudin

By Andrew Pretzello

Brother Adrian Gaudin is the guidance counselor for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at SSC. He loves doing this because he has the opportunity to meet with people from all over the world. "I care for the students," he says, "and want them to see that. I respect them, and I like them to see the goodness in themselves." Brother Adrian is also the head of the Guidance Department. He loves to be a Brother at SSC, but he admits that he can be lonely or frustrated just like any other person.

Brother Adrian took his first vows in 1953. He really enjoys being a Brother here at SSC. His goals are to be the best counselor he can be and to affect the lives of young people. "The fact that I am in a team of Brothers working for the same thing is good," says Brother Adrian.

Before coming here, Brother Adrian was a headmaster or principal at St. Columba's college in St. Albans, England, twenty miles north from London; this is also a school run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. When I asked Brother Adrian what he preferred to do, Guidance Counselor or Head Master, this was his answer: "Whatever I am doing I prefer."

Brother Adrian told me a lot of things in his

interview, but one story stuck out the most, and that was the story that took place when he was in England. When he was Headmaster at St. Columba's, an IRA (Irish Republic Army) official approached him at school. The gentleman asked for some money to support the cause. Brother Adrian didn't have much money and so he told the man this. The IRA official then threatened to bomb the school. So Brother Adrian gathered as much money as he could, gave it to the man, and then called the police. There was no bomb at the school, but two weeks later there was an explosion at the town train station.

Brother Adrian is from New Orleans, Louisiana, and he is the seventh of eight children. "I love my family; I love doing things with them, and I love being with them." Brother Adrian's hobbies include reading, running marathons, and watching old movies. He reads a lot, about a book a week. Brother Adrian has also run a marathon (16.2 miles). His first marathon was in 1982, and he finished in less than four hours. Some of Brother Adrian's favorite movies are "Gone with the Wind," "The Wizard of Oz," "Singing in the Rain," and some of the old musicals starring Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, and Debbie Reynolds.

**The SSC Players present
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**Performances March 30 and 31
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Gifts from God

By Andrew Pretzello and Michael Enloe

Everybody has a talent, and some people possess multiple talents. A talent is a gift from God, and as such it should be revered and shared with others. One's talent may be something a person loves to do, such as composing and playing music, creating art or forms of writing, acting in dramatic productions, or the like. Other talents are reflected in physical abilities, such as outstanding athletic achievements. Athletic accomplishments inspire and entertain others in positive ways. SSC Senior Neil Farve currently leads coast batters with an average of 600, and his athletic talents continue to inspire and encourage others. Senior Mike Miller enjoys diving. Mike is a member of the SSC Scuba Club, and he feels his love for diving is a blessing in his life. "One reason," he says, "that I dive is because of the peacefulness of the water."

Senior Michael Carter enjoys singing, and he often sings at school Masses. "My love for music has increased more and more as my love for the Lord has increased. My main goal is to glorify God through the musical ability that He has given me," said Michael. Obviously, Michael appreciates the gift with which God has blessed him.

Eighth grade student, Joe Gibbons, said,

"Music is something I can do for the rest of my life. It is fun and creative; you can let yourself go." Joe plays in the school band, and he also plays music at school Masses.

Freshman student journalist Andrew Pretzello believes he has been blessed with a love and ability to compose and play music. "I love to write and play music because it's very relaxing. It is a gift that I love to share with others. The best part about writing music is that I feel like I have never completed a song. I'm always trying to make changes." Andrew likes to play the piano at Masses. He adds, "Playing at Mass is a great experience for me to share my music with others. Two of the tunes I have played at Mass, 'End of Time' and 'Lisa's Song,' I also composed.

Freshman Tyler Gallagher is a big fan of art, mostly because he has a great talent and uses it to the fullest extent. "I like art because it's fun to do, and through art I can bring a little bit of happiness into somebody's life. My father influences me; he's a really good artist." Sophomore Edward Jasper is a trumpet and bass player who writes his own lyrics and hopes to be in a rock band one day. "My inspiration is the music around us everyday."

These are just a few of the many SSC students who are exploring and enjoying their gifts from God.

We asked you

By John S. Waterman

It's that time of quarter again, dear readers. That wandering journalist with the acid pen and even more acidic manner has summoned up the NERVE to DARE to ask You, our readers, what your favorite television show is. That's right. Personal privacy is now officially a myth.

"The Sopranos." --Andrew Waterman, Freshman
 "Comic View." --David Bradley, Freshman
 "The Sopranos." --Jake Johnson, Freshman
 "The Simpsons." --Michael Iskandar, Freshman
 "Seinfeld." --Jarrod Gillmore.
 "Whose Line is it Anyway?" --Shane McCubbin, Senior
 "Drew Carey or Whose Line is it Anyway?" --Will Boxx, Sophomore
 "Notre Dame Football." --Mr. Cody Zilverburg, Teacher
 "South Park." --Peter Murphy, Sophomore
 "Junkyard Wars." --Andrew Pretzello, Freshman
 "The Sopranos." --John Waterman, Senior
 "Reruns of the Golden Girls." --Mrs. Bradbrook, Teacher
 "The X-Files." --Mr. Genin, Principal, and Mrs. Genin
 "Sports and weather." --Mrs. Holder, Secretary
 "Ally McBeal and The Sopranos." --Mrs. Holmes, Teacher
 "The Andy Griffith Show reruns." --Mr. Verlander, Teacher
 "Baseball Games during the season." --Mr. Amoult
 "Early Edition and Investigative reports." --Mrs. Bordelon, Teacher
 "Investigative Reports and crime documentaries." --Mrs. Schmidt, Teacher
 "I don't watch T.V. at all." --Mrs. Schade, Teacher
 "There's not much T.V. at our house." --Mr. Flannery, Teacher
 "Law and Order." --Mrs. Cousins, Teacher
 "I don't watch much T.V." --Brother Harold, Counselor
 "The Practice, E.R., and N.Y.P.D. Blue." --Brother Adrian, Counselor
 "I don't watch T.V." --Mrs. Simpson, Teacher
 "The Weather Channel." --Brother Charles, Administrator
 "Seinfeld, Kramer, and some sitcoms." --Mrs. Estrade, Principal
 "Monday Night Football during football season." --William Thomas, Sophomore
 "Boston Public." --Mr. Dale Moran, Teacher
 "Dawson's Creek." --Barrett Hall, 8th Grade
 "Whose Line is it Anyway?" --Zach Mellen, Sophomore
 "The News." --Kevin Stoltz, Senior
 "The Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, and The History Channel are my favorites." --Mr. Fred Cherota, Principal
 "Boston Public." --Mr. Louis Burg, Teacher
 "Frazier." --Coach Dellenger, Track and Football.
 "Survivor." --Danny Sawbeck, Sophomore
 "Rerun of Hogan's Heroes." --Denny Roth, Sophomore
 "Seinfeld." --Christian D'Angelo, Sophomore
 "Trucks." --John Lagarbo, Sophomore
 "Saturday Night Live." --Sam Atchison, Freshman.
 "The Simpsons." --Chris France, Freshman.
 "Comic View." --Sam Tart, Sophomore.
 "Fresh Prince." --Jeremy Boelte, Sophomore.
 "The Famous Jeff Jackson." --Michael Kivlan, Freshman
 "That Seventies Show." --Josh Schultz, Freshman.
 "Babylon 5." --Daniel Wilson, Sophomore
 "Married with Children." --John Chapman, Sophomore
 "Boy Meets World." --Kit Stovall, Sophomore.
 "Seinfeld." --Darren Keel, Sophomore

Legends never die

By Derek Fogarty

Dale Earnhardt
1951-2001

As most of us have already learned, NASCAR's once living legend, Dale Earnhardt, was tragically killed in the pit of his number 3 black Chevy at this year's Daytona 500. His death was the end of an era in NASCAR racing. Without a doubt, there will never be another driver as talented and dedicated to the sport, and yet so human as he. He was a man who you either loved or absolutely despised, but in some way or another, you respected him. He was a husband, he was a father, he was an idol. The sport will most definitely not be the same with the absence of "The Intimidator."

Earnhardt was staring into the face of death as he peered out of his windshield. He was intent on winning the race. He knew he didn't have the car to win, but he sure had the determination. As the last lap was upon him, he felt his car go loose. He shot down the apron of the track, and then was heading straight into the wall. BAM! He was dead. Earnhardt suffered from severe trauma and was probably dead on impact. As his body was

loaded into the ambulance, thousands of spectators watched. No one knew he was dead at the moment. The ambulance drove away slowly, for there was no urgency. Dale Earnhardt was pronounced dead once he arrived at the hospital. His autopsy showed massive head trauma. It is said that Sterling Marlin's car either bumped him or got so close to Earnhardt's rear that it took airflow off his spoiler and caused the car to lose traction.

Earnhardt was born April 29, 1951, in Kannapolis, N.C. He was the first driver ever to win the rookie of the year and the series title at the Winston Cup level, and he won the title two years back to back (1979-1980). Earnhardt won the Winston Cup championship seven times. He almost tied Richard Petty's record with eight Winston Cup championships. In the year 2000 alone he won two races, finished in the top five thirteen times, and finished in the top ten twenty-four times. Altogether, he won a total of seventy-six races. It will be hard for another driver to meet these great accomplishments. It is sad, but certain there will never be another like Dale Earnhardt, Sr. We must remember that legends never die. Rest in Peace, Dale. You are in our thoughts.

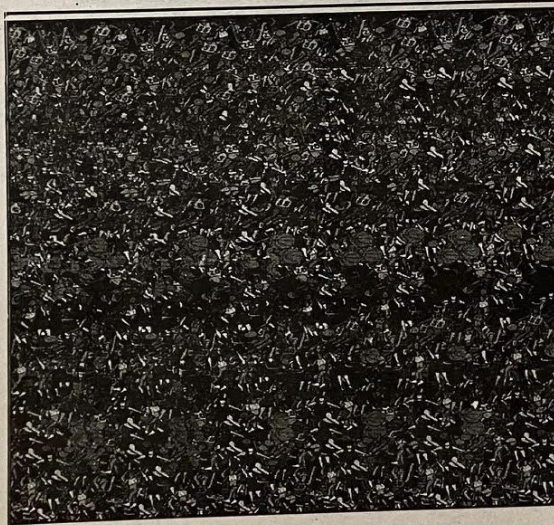
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2. Bomber Hits Empire State Building,
Setting it Afire at the 79th Floor;
13 Dead, 26 Wounded; Wide Area Rocked
3. Franklin D. Roosevelt Elected 32nd President
4. Assassination of President Reagan Failed
5. Roger Maris First Breaks Babe's All-Time Home Run Record
6. St. Louis Rams Lose To Saints In Playoff Game 28-31
7. 5 to 4 decision bans school segregation
8. Hawaii voted in as 49th state
9. Robert Kennedy Assassinated
10. Carter Wins in Landslide Victory
11. Navy Pilot Who Admired Kennedy is Oswald's Slayer
12. Yankees win World Series, defeating Cards, 7 to 5
13. Archduke Ferdinand's Assassination Thwarted; Possible War Averted
14. Pope John Paul II Shot In Car In Vatican Square
15. Martin Luther King Is Slain in Birmingham
16. Ford Pardons Nixon
17. Luna Robot Sets Down On Mars
18. U.S. Says Soviet Downed Korean Airliner

19. Berlin Wall Comes Down; Two Germanys Reunite After 45 Years
20. Bush Halts Offensive Combat; Kuwait Freed, Iraqis Crushed
21. Tapes Left By 39 In Cult Suicide Suggest Comet Was Sign To Die
22. Barbra Streisand and Jessica Tandy Tie For Best Actress at Oscar Time
23. Scopes Guilty, Fined \$100, Scores Law; Benediction Ends Trial, Appeal Starts
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25. Tut-Ankh-Amen's Inner Tomb is Opened, Revealing Undreamed-Of Splendors

Contest Rules:

1. Students only may enter, as adults would have an unfair advantage. Journalism students may not enter the contest.
 2. List the ten bogus headlines by writing the numbers of the headlines down on a piece of paper. Write your name, the date you submit your entry, and your grade level on the paper. All or any part of the headline may be bogus.
 3. You may only enter once. Entering twice results in disqualification. Turn in your entry by placing it in the Rock-A-Chaw Newspaper box located in Mrs. Estrade's office. Entries must be submitted by 3:30 pm on Tuesday, April 3rd.
 4. All contest entries will be placed in a random drawing and the first two entries drawn will be named the winners of the contest.
 5. Winners will be featured in the final edition of the Rock-A-Chaw to be distributed in May and those two students will receive \$5 gift certificates for the Student Mall.
 6. Announcement of winners and distribution of certificates will be Friday, April 6th.
- All students who submit correct entries will be listed in the May edition of the Rock-A-Chaw. Good Luck to all the participants!



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Students honored at convocation

On Sunday, September 16, fifty-two new members. students gathered in the Resource Center to be recognized for their achievements from the previous year. Several organizations presented awards along with the presentation of honor roll awards. Organizations that presented awards were Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Student Ministry Team, National Junior Honor Society, and the National Honor Society.

Along with the presentation of awards, officers of these organizations were also introduced. Two induction speeches by Lee Klein, President of the National Junior Honor Society, and Kunal Patel, President of the National Honor Society brought about the introduction of more than

Along with that, thirty-eight members continued their membership with one these Honor Societies.

Following the induction of the NJHS and NHS was the presentation of the honor roll awards. Three categories of awards were presented, Alpha Honor Roll for Spring, 2001, Alpha Honor Roll for the academic year, and Presidents Honor Roll for the academic year. Last year, there were forty-two students who received Alpha Honor Roll for spring, 2001, fourteen who received Alpha Honor Roll for the academic school year, and twelve who received President's Honor Roll for the academic year.

The convocation ended this year with a closing remark by President Brother Ronald Talbot and a closing prayer by Brian Butler.



The graduating class of 2002 shows off their new SSC rings at the reception following the annual Ring Mass at Our Lady of the Gulf Church. The rings were blessed by SSC graduate, Father Dennis Carver, during the liturgical celebration.

Big Brothers welcome Little Brothers

The annual Big Brother / Little Brother ceremony was held at Our Lady of the Gulf Church on September 18, 2001.

The Big Brothers, the senior class of 2002, promised to help their Little Brothers, the sixth and seventh graders, adjust to their new school experience at St. Stanislaus.

Speaking on behalf of the Big Brothers, senior Ben Puckett addressed the responsibilities of the seniors, and sixth-grader Harrison Hodges responded in the name of the Little Brothers.

The ceremony began with a welcoming address by senior Matt Heyer, and Chris Patterson followed with a reading from scripture.

Brother Adrian introduced the Candle Ceremony which symbolized the passing of the Light to the new Rock-A-Chaws. SSC principal, Brother Ronald Hingle lit the light from the Pascal Candle,

symbolizing the Light of Christ, and passed it on to Student Council president Brooks Brennan and vice president Chris Patterson.

Receiving the light in the name of the seniors were class representatives Brent Acker and Clayton Ferrara.

The Little Brothers were represented by Harrison Hodges, Matthew Kivlan and Roger Lacoste.

Following the candle ceremony, Mrs. Hollie McCollister, moderator of the event, presented each of the Big Brothers with their Little Brothers.

Campus Minister Mr. Edward Duhon led the assembly in the singing of "God Bless America."

The closing prayer was offered by Fisher Maddox, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



New members of the National Honor Society were inducted at ceremonies on Sunday, September 16, 2001. Pictured from left to right, front row: T.J. Koger, Josh Lingsch, Andrew Waterman, and advisor Mr. Louis Burg. Second Row: Uchenna Aduba, Keith Fleniken, Tyler Gallagher, and Daniel Surbeck. Third Row: David Bradley, Aaron Baxter, Luca Giardino, Phillip Oh, Cheick Sanankoua, and Louis West. Fourth Row: Bob Bass, Michael Enloe, Jesse Brown, Eric Huckabee, Zach Mellen, and Rodrigo Sevilla. Not pictured: Beau Brodtmann, John Chapoton, Branden Gossett, David May, Colin Wilson.



Ben Puckett



Harrison Hodges

Editorial

No easy solution to terrorism

The horrible and brutal terrorist attack on September 11th, 2001, will more than likely be remembered in the history books as a black day.

The terrorists struck brutally and with deadly accuracy on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The number of dead are predicted to be 5,000 or more.

With such a horrific attack, many people are crying out for the complete destruction of the middle east, or the bombing of civilian targets to teach them a lesson. I wish to differ.

Of course we should seek justice, but at what cost? With the bombing of civilian areas, the aftermath with our allies might be too great. If we act too quickly, then we risk losing much of the international support we have right now. We should act more decisively, building a strike force that will bring swift justice and retribution to those who would harm the United States.

American soldiers will die, but if we wish to avenge the deaths of the estimated 5,000 dead in the world trade center, we must endure those casualties.

The reaction to this attack might include small commando units operating for long periods of time in enemy territory striking back with their own brand of terror at the terrorists.

If whole countries are to blame for this attack, then maybe the U.S. Military might have to stage a full-scale invasion.

Other ways can be found to freeze the terrorists' bank accounts to starve them of their resources.

With so many options, some violent, some non-violent, we must remember the human side also. We cannot be like the terrorists and kill innocents to get to the terrorists.

In the end, we must find a way to restore the peace and keep it without breaking our global support in the process.

by James Fulford

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An Act of War



G101 Tyler
Gallagher

What's your opinion?

Editor's note: The following comments do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the St. Stanislaus College administration nor of the Rock-A-Chaw editorial staff.

The Rock-A-Chaw staff asked a cross-section of the faculty and student-body what their reaction was to the destruction of the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001 by terrorists. Following is a sampling of their comments.

I think we should go to war.

Damien Holcomb

I think it's a monstrosity.

Spencer Ziegler

This is a sad day in the world.

Coach Keyes

Surprised, shocked. **Peter Doty**

I was very mad. We should defeat any nation that was responsible for this.

Josh Robinson

I was shocked and dismayed by the lack of human dignity shown to the people of New York by the people who attacked the World Trade Center. The solution should be as peaceful as possible, but I know that military action is imminent.

Mr. Duhon

I was shocked.

Michael Fritz

We must take time to comprehend the fallacies of humanity and then take affirmative action.

Colin Wilson

The Rock-A-Chaw staff is committed to producing a quality newspaper of, by, and for the students of St. Stanislaus. To this end we welcome your comments about the content and the makeup of your newspaper.

Suggestions about stories you would like to have covered may be made to any member of the staff. In addition, we also welcome your opinions in the form of "Letters to the Editor." These can range from school issues to world affairs. Submitted letters and comments must be typed and signed.

We will also consider for publication articles dealing with student life and activities at SSC submitted by members of the faculty and student body. These articles must also be typed and signed.

Features

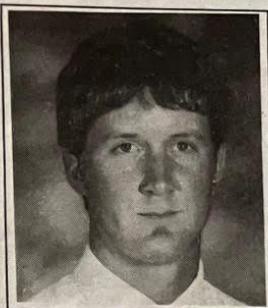
New teachers bring talent and enthusiasm

by Christopher Currie

As you may know, there are several new teachers on campus. I have had the pleasure to get to know a little more about two of my teachers this year: Mr. Matthew Burris and Ms. Mary Kippes.

Mr. Burris is a graduate of USM with a major in English. He teaches Spanish I, Journalism, and even coaches. In his free time Mr. Burris likes to ride his motorcycle and "beat up punks." He also enjoys listening to rock and roll. When I asked Mr. Burris what he liked so far about St. Stanislaus College, he replied, "I like all the girls."

On the other hand, Ms. Mary Kippes, graduate of



Mr. Burris



Ms. Kippes

William Carey College, is running our Art Department teaching Art I and Advanced Art. Before coming to SSC she taught at St. Thomas Elementary School in the Long Beach school district. When she is not teaching, Ms. Kippes enjoys swim-

ming, walking, making pottery and spending time with people. Her favorite work of art is the "Madonna and Child."

Both teachers seem very qualified for their jobs and we are glad to have them as part of the SSC Family.

Club News

Literary Magazine

The literary magazine is responsible for collecting, polishing, and publishing a magazine of the best stories, papers, essays, photos, drawings, and sketches from the school year.

The literary magazine will also attempt to take young, inexperienced writers and teach them how to polish their writing styles.

Students who are interested in writing, art, or who would like to see their work published can contribute work to Mrs. Holmes, or can join the literary magazine by attending the meetings on Monday afternoons. There will be one issue per year put out, so that the Literary Magazine staff along with Mrs. Holmes can choose and polish any materials contributed.

There will be a "Name The Magazine Contest" in the near future to determine what the Magazine will be called. Please contribute only titles that relate in some way to literature.

Youth Legislature

Youth Legislature is a club in which students draft their own bills for a mock presentation of them in Jackson. Youth Legislature is currently moderated by Mr. Paul Verlander. Although the registration for the first trip to Jackson for presentation of the bills is past the deadline, freshmen may still attend the subsequent trip in the spring of 2002. For more information on Youth Legislature, speak with Mr. Verlander.

Key Club

The Key Club is a national organization of service. Key Club is for people who wish to serve their communities, but to have fun while doing so. Currently, the club meets every Monday night at 7:00 PM in room 226. Further

information may be found on the activities bulletin board or by talking to the Key Club's moderators, Mrs. Cynthia Clark and Mr. Brock Rock. If you wish to join, simply attend the next meeting.

Science Club

The Science Club is an extracurricular organization for students who enjoy the material of their science classes. Currently moderated by Mr. Fred Cherota, the Science Club delves into experiments and projects outside of the classroom limitations.

Currently, information on the science club and its meetings may be found through the bulletin board. Anyone in junior high who is interested in the material brought forth in his science classes may be interested in joining; for information, talk to Mr. Cherota.

Student Council

The Student Council is the school organization that acts as a bridge between the student body and the administration, in things such as planning activities and on-goings of the school year.

The Student Council is currently co-moderated by Mrs. Pat Cousins and Mr. Matt McKiernan. Although officers for this year have already been elected, students will soon vote for their class representatives.

For more information about student council, talk to Mrs. Cousins or Mr. McKiernan.

Sports Card Club

The Sports Card club is a group of students who drop by room 227 to see Mr. Thriffley to look at and trade sports cards, and also to share interests, ideas, and heroes with their peers.

Anyone who is interested in sports cards can drop by Mr. Thriffley's classroom (227) any afternoon and speak with Mr. Thriffley.



Members of the Student Ministry Group were recognized at the recent Leadership and Honors Convocation, from left to right, Scott Hillanbrand, Brian Butler, Jeremy Keller, Matt Heyer, B.J. Ledet, Brian Landry, Allen Leone, Frederick Mallini, Ben Puckett, Zach Mellen, Trey Treutel, Nathan Sison, Gabe Willis, Logan Walker, and Advisor Mr. Edward Duhon.

Student Ministers answer the call

The student ministry group is an organization on the St. Stanislaus Campus that promotes, through their actions, a way of living that was established by Jesus. The student ministers have a great duty to their peers to live a life realized by Jesus Christ.

These men of character are committed to promote the Gospel values. They are excited to share Jesus to others through their actions and pray for every member of the St. Stanislaus family.

Student Ministers are responsible for several

spiritual activities throughout the academic year. Besides participating in activities that promote their own spiritual maturity, student ministers organize monthly masses, prayer groups, and weekly prayer services for the evangelization of the entire St. Stanislaus family.

Sports

Rocks tame Ocean Springs' Greyhounds, 34-19

by Logan Walker

The SSC football Rocks ended their three-game losing streak last Friday night with a decisive win over the Ocean Springs Greyhounds, 34-19.

Ocean Springs took an early lead in the first quarter with a touchdown and extra point, but the Rocks' Dustin Coogan answered with a 28-yard play, and Michael Kivlan's PAT tied the score 7-all.

Travis Morris scored in the third quarter, and Logan Walker connected on a 30-yard pass by Timmy Kulikowski to up the score to 21-7.

And late in the game, Jeremy Lewis hurled a 26-yard pass to Walker. Ashton Wright added an interception for a 40-yard score.

The SSC Rock-A-Chaws opened their season on the road against a powerful 2-A St. John team. The St. John Eagles came off of a 9-2 season. A pre-season Sun Herald poll listed the Eagles as "one of the teams to watch" during the 2001 season.

After losing eleven senior starters from the previous year, the Rocks will have to rely on a young team.

St. John jumped out to a 14-0 lead at half-time. They opened the second half powerfully controlling the game and running on all cylinders.

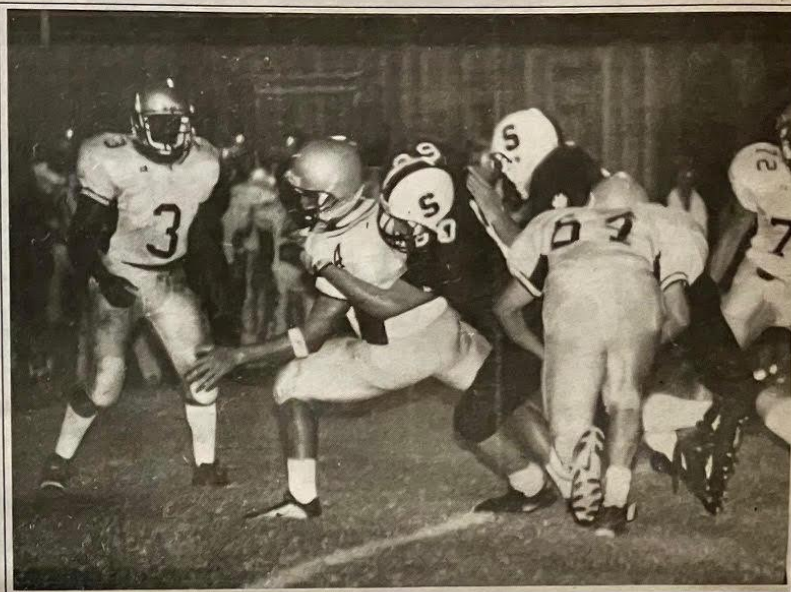
Lee Klein was named defensive player of the week with fourteen tackles in the game at middle linebacker.

Although it was a hard-fought battle on both sides, in the end, more effort was put forth by St. John with the 37-0 win.

SSC opened at home hosting county rivals, the Hancock Hawks. This is the Hawks' first season as a 5-A school. Both teams came into the game 0-1, and both were looking for a win.

Hancock moved to a 3-0 lead in the first quarter and then added to their lead with two touchdowns before the half. When the clock ran out, Hancock prevailed with a 34-0 victory.

With their chins still held high, the Rocks hosted the Long Beach Bearcats.



Frederick Mallini (60) breaks through for the tackle in the game against Long Beach at the SSC Brother Philip Memorial Stadium.

The Bearcats, another 5-A team, were also hungry for their first win. Long Beach thrived on their talented quarterback, Eddie Burger. The Bearcats' kicker put one

through the uprights giving them a 3-0 lead in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Burger launched a touchdown pass to up the score to

10-0.

Tonight, the Rocks travel to Bay High to take on the Tigers at 7:30.

Rock swimmers undefeated

by Zach Mellen

The SSC Rocks' swim team is off to a good start this year with two victories—one over Gulfport and the other over Harrison Central.

The average margin of victory for the two meets was 65 points.

When asked how he thought the team was going to do this year, Brother Charles responded, "I think we're going to do pretty well in the dual meets." The Rocks, although very young, are seemingly doing well with school records broken and re-broken by only the second meet.

Although eight swimmers have already qualified for the state meet, Brother remarked that he was not quite sure how they would do once they

got there.

Ty Breaux has had victories in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

Ramsey Shawa has had consecutive victories in the 100-yard backstroke. Also Cole Larsen, an eighth grader, set a new school record in the 100-yard butterfly as well as winning the 100-yard breaststroke.

Other victories in the meets have been brought in by Andrew Battle, T. J. Koger, Preston Ellis, the relay team of Battle, Hall, Breaux, and Gray Hammer, and the relay team of Battle, Ellis, Breaux, and Larsen.

The Rocks' dual meet against Hancock was scheduled for Wednesday, September 19.



Cole Larsen

**The Rock-A-Chaws
Face cross-town rival
Bay High Tigers
Tonight at 7:30.
Come out and support
The Rocks!**

Cross County off to a good start

by Aaron Baxter

The Cross Country Rocks recently began their season with high hopes for a state championship.

Coach Steve Flannery has said that he has complete and total confidence that his team could do incredibly well this year.

The team has a few returning varsity members as well as few new runners who could bring success.

The Rocks recently held a time trial to show how members of the team fit in. The times posted for the varsity were very strong and could be the team's ticket to possible victory at the state meet.

The Rock-a Chaws got their first chance to show off their abilities on September 8, as

they traveled to Oak Grove to run with some of the coast's other cross-country teams.

Top times run by the varsity team were held by sophomore, Kyle Lewis (2nd) and freshman, Kody Cannon (7th).

The JV team had five runners who finished in the top fifteen spots, two of whom finished in the top ten.

The junior high team finished fifth out of eight teams, with their top runner being seventh grader Jimmy Heddly, who ran the two-mile course in a time of 14:09.

Some upcoming races for the Stanislaus cross-country team will be held in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Gautier, with the varsity season concluding in Clinton.

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An experience in Klagetoh, Arizona

By Matt Heyer

The Brother's of the Sacred here have many missions, in many countries around the world. I had the opportunity to venture to one of these missions, in Klagetoh, Arizona over the Christmas Holidays. This particular mission is named St. Anne's. It was set up by the Brothers in order to help minister to the people who live around the mission. These people are the Navajo Indians. Brother John Hots-ream is the director of the mission and does everything from cooking at the mission, to working with Navajo and helping out any way he can. Klagetoh is located on the Navajo Nation, which is located in parts of Arizona, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, and Oklahoma. The Nation is the reservation for the Navajo people, given to them by the U.S. government.

I was interested in going to St. Anne's for the first time, when I heard about it a few years back. I finally decided this year would be a good year to go, mainly because this is my last year here at St. Stanislaus. I asked Brother Charles for some information about the trip so he gave me the mission for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart New Orleans province. I read all the information and made the decision to go on the trip. I returned the forms to Brother Charles and made all the final plans.

We left St. Stanislaus on the morning of January 27th at 6 A.M. We headed for Catholic High in Baton



On a visit to nearby Conon de Chelly, a few of us are shown here having a great time.

Rouge, to pick up the rest of the people who were going on this trip. From this point on, we had a good bit of traveling to do and this gave all of the people on the trip a chance to get to know each other. It took us about two days to get out there, with Wichita Falls, Texas being the halfway point where we spent the night. We reached Klagetoh the night of January 28th. For those who had not been there before, including myself, we realized that we were in a totally different culture and appreciated the warm welcome we received from Brother John and all the others who help run the mission. Through out the week, we did many different things. It was such a great experience and you really have to actually go and see for yourself. Just

some of their houses, building straw-thatched houses (Hogan) and covering them with adobe, and many other projects that involve working right along side the Navajo people. In case you are wondering or you have never heard of adobe, it is a mixture of two types of sand, mud, and water. It is used by the Navajo to cover their Hogans and other buildings. A Hogan is the Navajo traditional way of building a house. It consists of a log type cabin built with six walls making a hexagonal shape. The only door on the structure traditionally faces the east. The floor of the Hogan is usually just dirt and is heated by a wood-burning stove. This is just one of the many differences on the Navajo Nation in culture that seems so dif-

ferent from our homes and way of life. While we were in Klagetoh, New Years Eve was another special experience for us. We took part in a traditional sweat lodge ceremony. This ceremony is a way of prayer for the Navajo people as well as many other North American Indian tribes. A sweat lodge is basically an igloo type structure made out of thatched sticks, by which the sticks are bound together by rope or traditionally leather hide. The structure is only about seven to nine feet in diameter. There is one opening for entrance and exiting of the lodge. Plastic tarp and towels covered the lodge we were in. Traditionally though, it is covered with a buffalo hide. At most, 12 people can be in the lodge at one time and in

the session we had there were at least 10 people in there. The sweat lodge is similar to a sauna or spa, because volcanic rocks are heated in an outdoor fire next to the lodge and then brought in and water is poured over them and they are sprinkled with sage as a type of blessing. The temperature rises rapidly and the lodge fills with a lot of steam. Although this sweat lodge thing sound weird, it is not only good for your spiritually, but it is very good for your skin and respiratory system. This is what the whole experience is about. It is somewhat a state of discomfort. The ceremony sounds a bit weird at first, but once you do it, you will find it an awesome experience! I know that this was one of the major highlights of the trip for me and will not be soon forgotten!

Finally after a week in Klagetoh, we packed all our things and said our good-byes. It was a somewhat a sad time because we had been there for only a relatively short time, but had experienced so much over this time.

There is so much more that is offered on this trip, I could just go on and on about it. Unfortunately, I can only write so much. If I have sparked some interest about the trip, go ahead and learn about it by speaking with Brother Charles and thing about going to Klagetoh one day. I know you will be glad you make the decision to go.

Editorial

Lighting The Fire: School Spirit at SSC

By Paul Verlander

The intentional creation of school spirit is an important but sometimes nebulous task. While almost all interested parties at St. Stanislaus say that they want school spirit, the meaning of and means to that end are less susceptible to consensus. Like most indistinct outcomes, improved school spirit at St. Stanislaus will occur only when all stakeholder groups (students, parents, faculty and administration) find common philosophical ground upon which to build a set of concrete steps and objectives to which we can all commit.

Too often, school spirit is too narrowly defined as cheering more at football games, more pep rallies, more free dress days, etc. Just as often, spirit is not defined at all: "We need more spirit" . . . with nothing more added.

We need to define our principles more clearly, and then we need to create concrete, positive steps which we intend to take to bring those principles to fruition.

School spirit, properly defined, should encompass every aspect of school life. Spirit should be as evident in the commitment of teacher and student to engaging class experiences as it is in the decibel level at a football game. Spirit is damaged more by a negative comment from teacher to student or from one student to another than it is by sitting on our hands at pep rallies (though that doesn't help either).

As a first step, we all need to see that improving school spirit is an all day, every day job.

In deciding how we go about doing the job, however, we need to be mindful of the fact that we all bear different responsibilities and have different perspectives



on the task at hand. Administrators and faculty must be concerned with insuring that serious learning and student safety and responsibility are maintained at all times; but they must temper those goals with the understanding that students require and benefit from regular outlets for unstructured energy and enthusiasm.

Students must demon-

strate that they can have fun and get rowdy, in proper contexts, and then successfully make the transition back to serious school work when the time comes. In short, we need to communicate our needs and feelings to each other, and we need to accommodate each other's needs and feelings in our choices and behavior. This communication and accommodation will build trust, and trust will lead to the mutual respect and good feeling out of which real school spirit comes.

We have made a good beginning this year. The creation of the first annual student leadership conference shows the commitment of the faculty and administration to progress, and the large number of students who attended that conference on a Saturday morning shows that students are ready to give of themselves to make things happen. Now we need to build on

that start and begin to make it concrete. To that end, I propose that we create a joint faculty-student task force on spirit, which will serve as a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas, and for creation of recommendations for change, where needed. As a gesture of my commitment to this process, I will agree to serve on such a task force; and I challenge the student leaders to step up to the plate and make a similar personal investment in the process of change.

We have the tools for action at hand, and I believe that we have the collective will and desire to change for the better. Let's make it happen now, here, in this place. Go Rocks!

We at SSC have a problem

By James Fulford

We at SSC have a problem. No, it's not something that is crucial to the future education of the students here, and no, it's not some lack of religious participation. It's far more simple than that.

SSC as a whole does not have spirit, school spirit to be exact. The pep rally we had before the football game against Bay High was, at best, horrible. At worst it was a complete and utter waste of time and energy. Only a few people participated in the events the way that the pep rally was supposed to be. People now wonder, why doesn't

SSC have school spirit?

The main problem lies in the student body to show school spirit, they need to produce ideas and send them to the administration. Now, the student body just can't demand and demand and expect results. Nor can we just allow the administration to produce ideas because they aren't in the students' shoes. The student council won't be able to really do anything since their power is really just to plan events and not make school policy.

Then people ask what the solution is? The solution won't be easy or sim-

ple. It will involve close cooperation between students and the administration to get to an agreement that increases school spirit through making the students feel better about their school. That is how I believe school spirit will increase, but I strongly doubt it will happen because there will be friction between the student body and administration on many issues. Hopefully, a few cool-headed people will get together and work something out that will improve school spirit and keep both sides happy.

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Features

The newbies

by Jared Howze

Mrs. Ann Tucker is the new eighth-grade science, anatomy, and physiology teacher at St. Stanislaus. One of the reasons she wanted to teach here is because of the Christian value it teaches and she loves it here.

She taught at Charity School of Nursing and at Auburn University in Alabama. This is her ninth year teaching. One reason she wanted to be a teacher is: "I love learning and I love it when a student loves to learn." She also like being around a people a lot.

Mrs. Tucker went to Dominican High School in



New Orleans. She liked most of her teachers in school. She played for the Varsity softball team, and was a cheerleader. Her hobbies are swimming, rollerblading, and fishing. She loves teaching things in the science field, but she's not too fond of math.

Mrs. Tucker was born

and raised in New Orleans. She received her teacher's degree at Charity School of Nursing and is a Registered Nurse. Her bachelor's degree is from Loyola and she has a Masters of Science and Nursing from L.S.U. Medical Center. She plans to stay at Stanislaus for a long time.

Mrs. Tucker's husband graduated from St. Stanislaus in 1976. She has six children, and she has lived here for seven years.

An interesting fact is that her father is the announcer for the New Orleans Saints and just a few weeks ago she had dinner with Joe Horn.

Senior selected to be STAR Student

Bobby Morell, St. Stanislaus senior, has been named as a STAR Student for the 2001-2002 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council's M.B. Swayze Educational Foundation, sponsor of the STAR program, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, Principal.

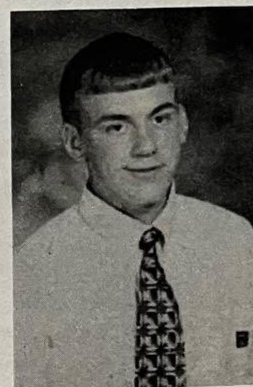
Bobby Morell will be honored during the 12th annual Education Celebration, April 26, 2002, at Mississippi College in Clinton. This prestigious event is co-sponsored by Entergy Mississippi.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Mr. Tom Ackerman was designated by Bobby Morell as his STAR teacher. Mr. Ackerman has been teaching for the past 29 years, and he currently teaches Spanish at St. Stanislaus College. He is

also the newspaper moderator.

Bobby Morell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Morell of Gulfport, Mississippi. He is a member of the National



Honor Society, the Quiz Bowl Team, and FIRST Robotics Competition Team. He is also a National Merit Finalist. He plans to attend MIT and major in Engineering.

STAR Students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both ACT scores and high school class averages are compared

to determine the school's STAR Student, explained Peggy Howard of Jackson, chief operating officer of the Swayze Foundation. "The STAR program encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors," she said.

Nearly 500 STAR Students and STAR Teachers will receive recognition from Mississippi Economic Council's Swayze Foundation at the celebration. The top 20 STAR students and their STAR Teachers will be presented scholarships or awards provided by the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr., Charitable Foundation. One of the top 20 STAR Students will be chosen as the Mississippi Star Student for 2002 and will receive a \$24,000 Cook Foundation scholarship.

Additional local support for the STAR program is provided by Mississippi Economic Council members in communities across the state.

Four students chosen for Honors Band

St. Stanislaus junior Scott Hillanbrand, sophomore Michael Enloe, eighth grader Clayton Tate, and eighth grader Tommy Wallace were selected to the Gulf Coast Band Directors Association Honor Band. The selection is done by audition. Special attention is given to rudimental schools, performance of prepared music, and sight-reading.

The students competed against other middle and high school students across the Gulf Coast. They will perform with other Honor Band members during the Gulf Coast Band Directors Association convention.

Pictured below are junior Scott Hillanbrand and sophomore Michael Enloe who were selected to the Gulf Coast Band Directors Association Honor Band.



Changes in store for Camp Stanislaus

Camp Stanislaus, the summer recreational program at SSC, will take on a completely new look beginning in the summer of 2002.

According to Mr. Mike Reso, the new camp director, Camp Stanislaus will "provide campers with more choices for activities, and more opportunities for families who are looking for a summer camp."

Among the most notable changes, Camp Stanislaus will accept "Day Campers" for the first time, and the camp will be divided into two shorter 3-week sessions.

Campers will be able to attend both sessions if they choose, for a combined six-week camp.

"This will make it easier for families to work around summer vacations and other summer activities," Mr. Reso said.

The academic program of the past will be replaced with an elective activity that will include Basketball I & II, Weightlifting and Condi-

tioning, Math I & II, Computers, Art, Creative Writing, Earth Science, Silent Reading, Scuba Diving Certification, and Drivers Education.

For three weeks, the campers will attend the same activity for two hours a day. "This gives more opportunity to the campers to pick their individual activity based on their personal preference," Mr. Reso said.

And he added, "We are very excited about the future of Camp Stanislaus. All of the input and guidance I have received from the Brothers and counselors have been invaluable. Their hard work and ideas make it easier for me to implement these improvements."

For information about attending Camp Stanislaus contact Mrs. Sharyn Kenson at 228-467-9057, ext. 284.

If you are interested in working as a counselor at camp, contact Mr. Reso in the Finance Office.

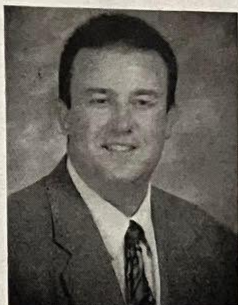
Sports

SSC names new head football coach

Mr. Kenneth Chester "Casey" Wittman, Jr. has been named SSC Head Football coach, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., Principal. He replaces Mr. Dave Kenson who has held that position for the past five years.

Mr. Wittman comes to SSC from Pass Christian High School where he served as offensive Coordinator, Head Junior Varsity Football Coach, Power lifting Coach, and Teach of Business and Physical Education for the past two years.

According to Mr. Wittman, "I am very thankful and excited about the opportunity that the St. Stanislaus College family has



given me. This is truly a dream come true for myself, as well as my family. The football program will help the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in their mission at St. Stanislaus College which is to develop its young people spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially to become

"Men of Character, and leaders in today's world. Our first priorities are to make all the kids in the program stronger both mentally and physically. It is also critical that we get the Alumni and friends of St. Stanislaus College back behind our program. There is no limit to what we can accomplish at St. Stanislaus College if we can all work together."

Mr. Wittman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Wittman, Sr. of Pass Christian. Mr. Wittman comes from a long line of St. Stanislaus College graduates, his father in 1957, and his brothers Kerry in 1992, and Kyle in 1995.

Track captures 2nd place

On Friday, April 19, the SSC track and field team scored 138 points at the Division 8 4A meet to capture second place. Fifteen members of the team qualified to move on to the regional meet by finishing in the top four places in an event.

First place finishes for the Rock-a-Chaws included the 4x400 meter relay team of Brent Acker, Allen Leone, Logan Walker, Brian Butler. Cheick Sanankoua also placed first in the 200 meter dash.

Sophomore Kyle Lewis led the team in points, with second place finishes in the 3200, 1600, and the 800 meter events.

Brent Acker placed second in the 400 meter dash. In field events, SSC's

Nick Cot-

ter took second in the pole vault, Nick Weinmann was second in the discus, and Frederick Mallini placed second in shot-put.

Pictured below is Allen Leone running the 4x400 meter relay during the track competition.



Doty selected for All American Soccer Team

St. Stanislaus junior Peter Doty was selected to the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) national High School All-American Team. These High School Soccer All-Americans represent 38 different states and 134 different high schools



those who have performed and excelled at their respective positions in an outstanding manner while representing their respective high schools.

Salomon Kidane, National Director of Coaching

in the United States. These players are nominated by high school soccer coaches throughout the country. Once nominated, these players must meet the National Soccer Committee's standards of performance and achievement both on and off the playing field during a single season. The All-American Teams honor these respective players as

for the USSSA, said "these players have a strong commitment to the game of soccer as well as their personal fitness and set a sportsmanlike example for others to follow. They distinguish themselves as a player for their respective high schools."



Congratulations to the SSC golf team who finished third at the Division 8 4-A Tournament at Mississippi National Golf Club Thursday. With a team score of 344, the Rock-a-Chaws finished just 9 off from the d'Iberville Warriors and Pass Christian Pirates, who tied for first with team scores of 335. Sophomore T.J. Koger let the Rocks with a 79

Congratulations to the SSC/OLA Tennis team who finished first at the 4A district tournament at d'Iberville. The team led the tournament with a score of 9 and had first place victories in boys singles led by Ernesto Zarate, boys doubles which consisted of seniors Billy Flowers and Curry Gambel, and girls doubles who was led by OLA's Rachel Cranford and Christine Bratton. The team will compete in the state tournament in Jackson on April 29-30.



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St. Stanislaus survives for 150 years, still growing

Institution has changed, but quality remains

It is a rare event for a human institution to reach the golden age of 150. It is unique still for an institution to survive 15 decades of strife, disease, fires, and storms. Calamities of natural and human origins have hit St. Stanislaus College Prep for a century plus 50 years.

Through all of these hardships, disasters, and changes-the small community of brothers and laypersons who have educated students entrusted to their care. That care has been the defining quality of SSC for over 150 years. Following is an objective look at the school, curriculum, activities, and student life of St. Stanislaus in its early history.

A CHANGING INSTITUTION

Saint Stanislaus was founded in 1854. The original classes were housed in a classroom built behind Our

Lady of the Gulf church. Eventually a wooden structure was built to serve as the school building. Christened St. Stanislaus Academy-College, it became part of a collection of wooden buildings that served the college up to 1903 when it and its companions were destroyed by fire.

Compared to the modern buildings, this structure was primitive and Spartan. It did not have running water until 1888, and electricity didn't appear until 1900. The school also owned a larger section of Bay St. Louis than it does now. Up until 1903 Stanislaus owned an entire block of Beach Boulevard.

THE CURRICULUM

The SSC students of 1854 through 1903 took many courses similar to those taken today. The usual lot of English, mathematics, history, and sciences were available and mandatory for most students.

However these were not the only courses available. From 1870 to 1924 Stanislaus offered college degrees in various commercial courses. These courses



SSC seniors carry the flags of eight of the forty-four nations which have sent students to Saint Stanislaus during its 150 year history. Pictured are Beau Brodtman, Brock Kelly, David Bradley, Jeremy Burke, Stephen Bruno, Michael Enloe, Jared Kuehne, Andrew Pretzello, Stefan Clayton and Jake Johnson.

were rigorous by today's standards. Instead of taking written tests, these students were given oral examinations. They would stand in front of a large public audience and recite most of what they learned.

STANISLAUS' ATHLETICS

From almost the very beginning St. Stanislaus has had some form of non-academic activity. There was only one main school sponsored activity when Stanislaus came into existence, and that was the band. It wasn't until a decade or two later that other extracurriculars came along. These activities included gymnastics, football, and baseball. Among these, base-

ball was extremely popular. At one point, almost every student was a member of one of the numerous baseball teams that had formed within Stanislaus.

However, competition was strictly within Stanislaus because there were no other schools to play.

Another activity popular on the campus with the advent of the Spanish-American war was the formation of a military company. Students drilled and trained with official United States equipment. Over 70 students joined this group and they would hold military parades through the streets of downtown Bay St. Louis.

LIFE OF THE STUDENTS

Grueling work and aggres-

sive academic pursuit were a defining mark of Stanislaus College during the early years. Lacking modern necessities such as plumbing and electricity, the students had to help keep the school running in some of their free time. As a result they were no "softies."

John Moore, a boarder sent to Stanislaus in 1858, complained to his mother in a letter that the students at Stanislaus "curse, swear, and smoke."

They were tough because they had to be tough.

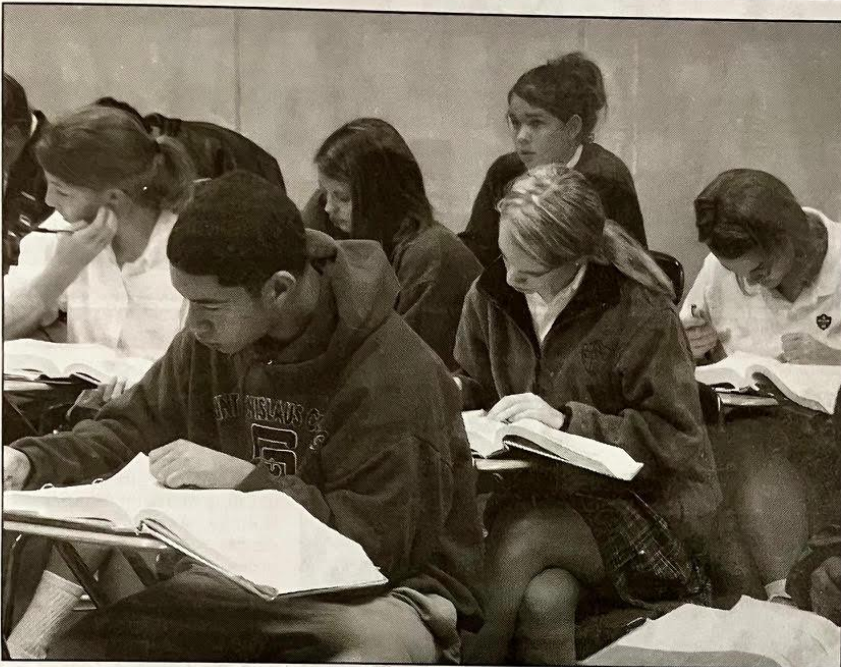
The Civil War caused many hardships. Hurricanes routinely battered the school and destroyed property. However, these were miniscule compared to the toll on the school taken by the Yellow Fever epidemic. Killing many of the students and Brothers through out the 19th and even early 20th century, it was the greatest threat to anyone living at Stanislaus.

SSC has had a remarkable history. For over 150 years, this institution has been a place of learning and activity. Few years have been without some big event.

The life style, events, processes of learning, and the buildings themselves have changed and evolved over the years, but the fundamentals have remained the same. Change and consistency have marked this school, and only time will tell what the next 150 years may bring.



Editorials



Students Ellie Dauterive, Floyd Dedeaux, Elissa Kergoslen, Kandice Boose, Nikki Harshbarger, and Christine Bratten take notes in Coach Genin's History AP Class.

New school policy allows for a more open mind

Starting this year, St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy are sharing a wide

range of academic courses. The new policy allows for a wider selection of courses for both St. Stanislaus and OLA students. According to the administration, the "experiment," if successful, will allow students to experience a different point of view during their time at the two schools.

So far, the experiment seems to be working rather well. On both sides, most people involved have only positive things to say for the most part. There are, however, some who feel that, although it's a positive thing, there are some problems. "I feel that it's a good thing because we have a larger variety of classes," said OLA senior Tiffany Longo. "The student body acts differently in a coed environment, and that can sometimes have negative

results."

Even some Stanislaus students are unsure.

"Although the sharing of classes seems not to have brought about any negative changes," said Andrew Waterman, a St. Stanislaus senior who is taking drama at OLA.

"I don't feel that the sharing of classes with OLA has resulted in any significant academic opportunities."

The teachers feel that it is, overall, working rather well. One result which some of the faculty is very happy about is the ability to have two extremely different viewpoints in the classroom environment.

Mr. C. Black, an English teacher at OLA, said "I feel it has been good, and gives a well rounded perspective on various issues."

We Need Your Help

Did you like what you read about in this first issue of the Rock-a-Chaw? Or, do you feel that your interests were overlooked? Please let us know how you feel.

You can send your comments in the form of "Letters to the Editor" or you can write an article and submit it in its entirety. Whatever you submit must include your name. We will be more than happy to put the best articles in the school paper. The staff welcomes submissions of all forms, including essays, editorials, sports articles, features, and cartoons. Bring your work to any member of the newspaper staff or to Brother Adrian. Please keep your submissions relatively short.

It is said that apathy is the gravest of sins, so make sure that you don't sin! Make your thoughts known in the Rock-A-Chaw.

The Editors



The Coed Question

Those of you returning to St. Stanislaus this year may have noticed an integral difference: female students.

Though SSC has facilitated a few mildly coed classes for over a decade, OLA's presence on campus has been much greater this year. While SSC students have, for the most part, viewed this as a blessing some members of the administration are still

skeptical. These teachers fear that SSC students will become distracted or that they will exhibit inappropriate conduct. But it seems that these fears are unfounded. In fact, quite a few students actually have higher grades in their coed classes.

If anything, this changes makes the school day go by faster. Coed classes should be here to stay.

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Mr. President SSC Youth Leg.

Stanislaus Welcomes 12 New Faculty Members

St. Stanislaus has added twelve new faculty members to its staff for this 2003-2004 school year. They are Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Br. Carl Bouchereau, Mr. J.P. Brunke, Mr. Jimmy Carrera, Mr. Vince Casper, Mrs. Judy Gibbons, Br. Virgil Harris, Mr. Erich Hoffer, Mrs. Lisa Kendrick, Mr. Patrick McGrath, Mr. Stace McRaney, and Mrs. Anna Marie Roller. Armstrong is from Valparaiso, Indiana, and is entering her second year of teaching. She teaches biology and anatomy and physiology, and she moderates Youth Legislature. Br. Carl is from Donaldsonville, LA. He came to SSC from Brother Martin High School in New Orleans. He has 34 years experience in teaching and guidance work, and comes here to work in the guidance office. Brunke is a volunteer who has come to spend the year here at SSC. He teaches religion and works with 7th grade basketball. Carrera is from



New teachers are Br. Virgil Harris, Mr. Erich Hoffer, Mr. Stace McRaney, Br. Carl Bouchereau, Mrs. Judy Gibbons, Mr. Jimmy Carrera, Mr. Vince Casper, Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Mr. Patrick McGrath, and Mr. J.P. Brunke. Missing is Miss Lisa Kendrick.

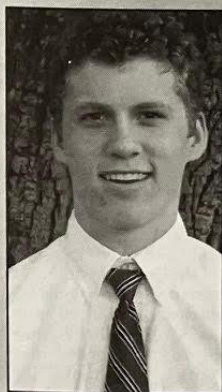
California and is in his first year of teaching. He teaches religion classes here at SSC, and he is also one of the assistant soccer coaches. Casper is another volunteer through the Brothers and the

New Orleans Volunteer Service Community. He teaches religion and works with soccer. Gibbons is originally from Philadelphia, P.A. She is entering her twelfth year as a teacher, and she

teaches 10 and 11th grade English. Br. Virgil is from New Orleans, LA. He has taught band for 54 years, and he taught last year at Brother Martin. This year, he teaches elementary, concert,

and symphonic band at SSC. Hoffer is the third volunteer that will be working at SSC this year. He teaches world history and helps coach football. Kendrick, originally from Virginia Beach, VA, grew up in nearby Hattiesburg, MS. This is her seventh year as a teacher. She teaches 7th and 10th grade English, as well as the Speech class. McGrath is from New York City, NY. This is his first year as an educator, and he teaches English I and French I, II, and III. He is also the head swimming and tennis coach. McRaney is from Waveland, MS. He previously taught here a few years back, and has decided to rejoin the SSC community. He teaches social studies and world history and is the assistant football and baseball coach. Roller is originally from Rhode Island and is entering her third year as a teacher. She teaches biology and seventh grade science and is also a co-moderator of Youth Legislature.

SSC makes its presence known



Robert Goggins has been elected to the office of the 2004 Youth Governor.

SSC made its presence felt at the annual YMCA Youth Legislature Convention in Jackson, Mississippi, November 5-8, 2003. "For the first time in the history of our attendance at the convention, SSC was represented by office-holding students," said youth delegate Robert Goggins.

This past year, Spencer Ziegler had served as Lieutenant Governor, Robert Goggins as Speaker of the House, David Bradley as Clerk of the House, Adair Beany as Assistant Senate Floor Leader, and Joe Gibbons as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

This tradition will be con-

tinued as Robert Goggins has been elected to the office of 2004 Youth Governor for the 2004 academic year.

Mrs. Laura Armstrong, in her first year at SSC, stepped in to fill the shoes of now Disciplinarian Mr. Paul Verlander in the office of Youth Legislature Moderator. Mrs. Armstrong was responsible for overseeing the practice debates after school and ensuring that the delegates and their proposed bills were in accordance with Parliamentary Procedure.

Mrs. Armstrong was assisted by faculty member Mr. Tom Ackerman and SSC parent Mrs. Anise Beany.



St. Stanislaus seniors Andrew Waterman, left, Chris France and Michael Enloe were honored as National Achievement and National Merit semi-finalists, respectively.

Next issue: TIP Students

Sports

SSC Soccer Team Looks to Repeat As State Champs

The St. Stanislaus soccer team is looking to defend its state title as the 2003-2004 season begins.

The Rocks were recently named preseason #1 in the Clarion-Ledger's MHSAA boy's soccer poll. This comes after the Rock's amazing season last year, in which they went 24-2-1 during the regular season. They then ran the tables in the playoffs, eventually knocking off the defending state champion Pearl Pirates in the state title game.

This year, the Rocks have a total of eighteen lettermen returning from last year's championship team. There are eight seniors on the squad, seven of whom are returning from last year. Therefore, a good amount of players on the team have had some kind of experience playing in big games. Under the leadership of coach Andy Kivlan, the Rocks are looking to enjoy another very successful season.



Junior Eric Cranford works on his kicking form during an early SSC soccer practice.

So far, the soccer Rocks are off to a great start. After a 1-1 tie with Biloxi to open the season, the Rocks have rolled off two big wins. On November 21st, the Rocks

shut out Gulfport 4-0. Austin Ladner, Andrew Smith-Parker, Jake Johnson, and Patrick Donohoe all scored goals. Michael Kivlan, Josh Lingsch, and Eric Cranford each had an assist.

Then, on November 25th, SSC rocked Harrison Central 6-0. Andrew Smith-Parker scored two goals, while Johnson, Lingsch, Beau Brodtmann, and Austin Boudreaux each added one. Brodtmann also had two assists, while Johnson and Donohoe each tallied one.

The junior high and JV soccer teams are also having good seasons this year. The JV soccer team is currently 1-1. They began the season with a 2-0 loss to Mercy Cross, but bounced back nicely to defeat Harrison Central 4-0. The junior high soccer team has dominated so far with a perfect 4-0 record. They have outscored their opponents 13-1, and they most recently defeated St. Paul 4-0 on November 24th.

Football Rocks Enjoy Solid Season

The SSC football team ended a successful 2003 season on Nov. 7, with their second consecutive trip to the state playoffs.

That night was a very special night because it was SSC's first home playoff game ever. Even though it ended in a loss, it set a high standard for next year's team.

The 2003 season was a tough year for the Rocks because they had a lot of close losses as well as some close wins. In the first game of the year, SSC dominated St. John 36-6. The Rocks then lost the next three games to Oak Grove (30-0), Ocean Springs (30-6), and Long Beach (17-15). The

Long Beach game was a deflating defeat because it was such a close game. Long Beach kicked a field goal with nine seconds left in the game to give them the victory.

At that point, The Rocks had to win the next game, or their season was done. The seniors stepped up, and the team rallied to bring their record to 4-3 on the year. Then the Rocks lost to Pass High 16-10, in a game in which neither team really took charge.

The Rocks' next game included a shot at the division title, but they had to get through Gautier. Everyone on both teams fought hard, but in the end Gautier came

out on top. They blocked Michael Kivlan's extra point in overtime to win the game.

After that, SSC traveled to play 0-9 D'Iberville. It wasn't a game; it was a massacre. The Rocks won 38-7, which allowed SSC to host its first ever home playoff game. The 2003 season ended with a tough 38-16 loss to the Quitman Panthers.

The Football Rocks ended the season with a 5-6 record. This season may have been inconsistent for them, but they were definitely a more sound team. The seniors really stepped up this year, and they helped to hold this team together. Overall, it was a fairly solid season for our football team.



Senior Mario Faranda gets set to make a free throw during SSC's 56-49 win over Moss Point.

B-ball Rocks Aim For Another Great Season

The SSC basketball team is looking to make a bold statement as the 2003-2004 season gets underway.

After losing some key seniors from last year's squad, the Rocks are out to prove many of their critics wrong. SSC has made it to the final four in the state basketball tournament in each of the past two seasons. This year's squad is looking to step it up and make it three straight years. In order to do this, SSC will have to overcome a few early-season injuries to some key players, including senior Mario Faranda and junior Cameron Hardin.

So far, the team is off to a pretty good start. They began the season by winning the St. Joseph's Tip-Off Classic in Greenville, MS. The Rocks dominated their opponents, defeating Leland 67-47, and St. Joseph 67-26.

The Rocks won their next two games over Moss Point (56-49) and St. John (91-52). SSC then came

home to play top-ranked Gulfport. In a very hard fought game, Gulfport defeated SSC 58-48 after a late second-half comeback.

After this tough loss, SSC traveled to Covington, LA, for the St. Paul Thanksgiving Tournament. In the first game, the Rocks lost a heartbreaker on a last second shot to Mandeville, 57-56.

The team then stepped up, and defeated Holy Cross (61-52) and Catholic High (51-41) to clinch third place in the tourney. Senior Darius Acker was named to the All-Tournament Team.

On December 2nd, the Rocks were able to defeat the St. John Eagles for the second time this season, despite some key injuries. The final score was 85-37. In the game, Darius Acker racked up 20 points. Senior Rob Murray scored 13 points, and junior Ramsey Shawa added 10 points for the 7-2 Rocks.

The ROCK-A-CHAW

JANUARY 30, 2004

SSC celebrates 150th birthday!



The student planning committee includes Bob Bass, left, Brock Kelly and Josh Schultz.

BY BRUCE RUSHING '05

The first month of the new year will close with a bang!

No, not fire works; but a school-wide birthday party celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Stanislaus College. As Brother Ronald Hingle, Principal, said, "I guarantee you that this celebration on January 30 will be memorable!"

How so? The school will be on a special schedule, and all classes will be shortened. A very different school lunch will be served, and all will be invited to enjoy either Jambalaya or Shrimp Poboys. Ice cream and cake will be available.

Brother Ronald Talbot, President, will offer some reflections in the Brother Peter Gym, and a special program will begin. This special program will include a live rock concert by the Benjy Davis Project.

The Benjy Davis Project is a group of six young men

from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The group have toured the US with various national and international acts that overlap genres from jam and folk rock to blues and zydeco.

The songs have a timeless, universal feel to them, reflecting real life experiences and a vulnerability easily related to by their generation, yet expressing feelings that everyone can relate to. Their enthusiastic audiences embody the full range of the age spectrum.

Benjy Davis — singer, songwriter, and acoustic guitarist — was a sophomore student here at SSC. He is very happy to return!

The party is being sponsored by the school administration who worked with a committee of students and parents in planning the activities of the day.

The whole day is another part of the continuing celebration of the St. Stanislaus Sesquicentennial.

The Benjy Davis Project will perform Jan. 30 for St. Stanislaus College's Sesquicentennial celebration. The group has toured the US with various national and international acts that overlap genres from jam and folk rock to blues and zydeco.

The party is being sponsored by the school administration, which worked with a committee of students and parents in planning the activities.



Rock-A-Chaw flag is changing

Many of you have probably noticed that our newspaper, The Rock-A-Chaw, has a new flag. (The "flag" is the name of the paper, appearing in a prominent place at the top of Page 1.) Last month's flag featured a picture of the old St. Stanislaus before it was destroyed by Hurricane Camille. The flag on this month's issue is a recent photo taken by Brother Charles Schilling of the St. Stanislaus pier during an early-morning sunrise. The Dec. issue symbolized the school's Sesquicentennial, and this month's picture of the sunrise depicts the beginning of a new year. Each month will be different.

News

Brother Patrick renews vows

BY ADAIR BEANY '04

Brother Patrick Cousins, SC, a 1995 graduate of St. Stanislaus College, made another step this past June towards his final vows as a Brother of the Sacred Heart. Brother Patrick renewed his temporary vows of Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience in a quiet ceremony at the Brothers' Chapel on the campus of Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This renewal of vows served as the anniversary of Brother Patrick's fourth year of service as a Brother since taking his first vows in 1999. This is his seventh year with the community of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

Brother Patrick will serve two more years of his formation in temporary vows before taking his final vows in August of 2005.

After his graduation from St. Stanislaus and his entrance into the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Brother Patrick earned a B.A. Degree in Religious Studies and Mathematics from Loyola University in New Orleans,



Brother Patrick on a mission in Arizona with his mother, Mrs. Patricia Cousins.

Louisiana. He has begun work on his Master's Degree in Religious Studies at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

Brother Patrick has taught religion and been a part of the weight-lifting program at Catholic High School in Baton Rouge for two years. He is currently teaching religion at St. Michael's High School in Klagetoh, Arizona.

The Brothers maintain a mission program there; and Brothers John Hotstream, Will McCue, David Landry, and Dwight Kenney are also on the staff.

Brother Patrick is the son of Mr. Bernard Cousins and Mrs. Patricia Cousins, both of whom are from Bay St. Louis. Mrs. Cousins has a B.A. Degree in Elementary Education from Nichols State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. She has been teaching junior high math at St. Stanislaus for eleven years.

I asked Mrs. Cousins how did she feel about having a son in religious life. She responded, "I am very proud and supportive of Patrick's decision to be a Brother. He loves what he's doing, and he does it so well. A parent always wants her child to be happy and successful and I know that Patrick is both."

I continued, "since Patrick has taken the vow of celibacy, he will never have children. Are you concerned about that?"

Mrs. Cousins responded, "No, my daughter Alyson is married and has two children (so far). So I have the best of both worlds."



Character Award inspires students

BY JOHN PRINCE '05

Throughout my attendance here at St. Stanislaus College, I have seen only one frequent occurrence that is enjoyed equally by students of every type and group: The Character Award.

Some students complain that the award has lost its meaning because of the regularity in which it is distributed. Others feel that its regularity enhances its effect.

However, in the event

that you are the Character Award recipient, you will likely have an enjoyable day. I have yet to meet a student who doesn't enjoy being rewarded for his acts of kindness.

Simply put, it is nice to be recognized for doing what is right. It is for this reason that I believe this award epitomizes what SSC represents: Unbiased Kindness.

As Junior Chris Smith says, "It's nice to know that someone else notices my kind gestures."

Classes evacuated after minor blaze

A short-lived electrical fire erupted from a lighting ballast in Mr. Chuck Genin's first period U.S. History A.P. class on Thursday, January 8.

After smelling smoke reminiscent of burning plastic, students in the class looked to the ceiling to notice a small orange flame briefly erupt from around a light cover. The flame was replaced by smoke, and Mr. Genin made the decision to evacuate the classroom.

Junior Robert Watson claimed that the "smoke

was actually more of an inconvenience than the fire."

Though some exaggerated rumors circulated regarding the severity of the fire, Mr. Genin assured all that there was little more than puffs of smoke.

"I can't complain," said Junior Chris Currie. "I didn't feel at all endangered, and the time out of class make it all worth while."

Maintenance personnel were able to repair the light in time for the next class period.

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St. Stanislaus students practice sailing recently for an upcoming regatta.

Watching the boom: How I earned my sea legs

BY TYLER
GALLAGHER '04

I am usually an out-going type of guy. I am always open to trying out new things with new people. But who would have thought that I could ever be found out on a sailboat!

Don't get me wrong: I love boats, but I hate the water. So when my friend Nick Smith asked me to come along with him during the sailing team practice, I was a little skeptical. Was I going to be able to trust my sophomore friend to take me out on my maiden voyage?

Sure. Why not? How bad could it be?

Arriving at the Bay St. Louis Yacht Club, Nick and I first helped assemble several boats in preparation for the practice. Then we assembled and launched our boat into the water. Being the cautious person I am and not wanting to fall into the water, I got aboard our craft — very carefully! In no time at all, we were moving out of the docks into open water. My earlier skepticism turned into doubt and fear as the water crept ever closer to the gunwale of the boat.

Out of nowhere, I heard Nick shout, "Watch the boom!" Not knowing what he

talking about, I turned to him and asked, "Boom?" I was knocked almost senseless by a metal bar, and I had learned a new word. That was all it took to literally knock all my doubts away that this was going to be a great experience for me.

After that first mishap, I quickly learned the ropes — literally! Making swings and turns, pulls and releases, coming about and jibing, I actually came to find sailing both different and fun.

When it came time for the team to do a few practice races, I got aboard the motorboat with Mr. Dan Zwerg, school moderator of the SSC and OLA Sailing Team, to watch from the sidelines. With the sound of a whistle, the two-person teams set up on the starting line in three separate boats. With another whistle to start the race, the teams were moving out to the next mark. Several races and one hour later, we called it a day.

I was excited that I had been able to get up "close and personal" and see what it takes to be part of the SSC and OLA Sailing Team. I have a deeper understanding and respect for the sailing team and a memory I will always cherish.

Hard work pays off for students

SSC FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C., Principal of St. Stanislaus College, has recognized the following students for achieving Honor Roll status for the first semester of the 2003-2004 academic session.

SENIORS PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (4.0):

Ian Primm and Andrew Waterman. ALPHA HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99): David Bradley, Beau Brodtmann, Moussa Dabo, Harry England, Michael Enloe, Mario Faranda Barchi, Brad Farrar, Luca Giardino, Brock Kelly, Craig Kleinpeter, TJ Koger, Hunter Landgrave, Will Mestayer, Greg Rice, Tony Silva, Curtis Stewart, Corey Vollenweider, and Spencer Zeigler.

BETA HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49):

Sam Atchison, Bob Bass, Adair Beany, Justin Boyce, Michael Bradley, Jeremy Burke, John Chapoton, Stefan Clayton, Albert Estopinal, Tyler Gallagher, Mason Hester, Matt Hoda, Damian Holcomb, Eric Huckabee, Jake Johnson, Michael Kivlan, Tim Kulikowski, Kyle Lewis, Josh Lingsch, Will Loftus, Rob Murray, Christopher Roth, Josh Schultz, James Tingstrom, Carlton Washington, Nicholas Weinmann, Chris Williams, and Colin Wilson.

JUNIORS PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (4.0):

Michael Cure, Robert Goggins, Heath Hansell, and Austin Ladner. ALPHA HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99): Devin Caboni-Quinn, Kody Cannon, Eric Cranford, Patrick Donohoe, Jacob Graham, Manuel Rosado, Michael Roy, Bruce Rushing, Christopher Smith, and Stefan Sofianos.

BETA HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49):

William Acosta, Brad Bissonnette, Clint Crawford, Christopher Currie, Jules Dupont, Sam Hall, Hunter Hanson, Cameron Hardin,

Mitch Higgins, Troy Johnston, Lee Klein, John Lumpkin, Mark Patel, John Prince, Ramsey Shawa, Matt Spencer, Wynne Taylor, Brennen Thomas, James Wahl, Christian Walter, Robert Watson, Derrick Willis, and Jeffrey Yeager.

SOPHOMORES PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (4.0):

Kevin Duvielh, Manish Patel, Brad Reinhart, and Brian Whitman. ALPHA HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99): William Currie, Dylan Drake, Garrett Gros, Stephen Keel, Ross Landgrave, Chase Menendez, Matthew Planchard, Ben Rader, Christopher Rogers, Ryan Stechmann, and Clay Tate.

BETA HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49):

Edward Allen, Tyler Amacker, Javier Arreozola, Danilo Balaguer Garcia, David Benet, JC Brignone, Justin Browne, Brandon Butler, Geun Choi, Bobby Davidge, Mike Deifik, Zach Elkins, James Finch, Brennan Gordon, Tyler Henry, Miles Hester, Kyle Hughes, Tony Kippes, James Langdon, Owen McNally, Josh Morgan, Austin Pritchard, Mike Rice, Thomas Richard, Buddy Schulz, Gary Taylor, and Christopher Tran.

FRESHMEN PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (4.0):

Dayne Coscia, Brian Jackson, Bryce Morreale, Stephen Passman, Andrew Taylor, and Matthew Theologos. ALPHA HONOR ROLL (3.50-3.99): Jeff Bourque, Ryan Boutet, Sean Bradford, Joshua Crowe, David Grapusa, John Hadden, Ryan Heath, Andre Romain, Nick Santos, Ryan Smith, William Tuleu, Matthew Vollenweider, and Jose Yapur.

BETA HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49):

Chase Banks, Sean Bentz, Reilly Bourgeois, Joseph Cure, Taylor Feigel, Jimmy Headley, Ryan Hoda, Dusty Hoffpauir, Steven Kershaw, Will King, Roger Lacoste, Caleb McQueen, Austin Paschall, Clark Seal, and

Brian Yoon.

8TH GRADE PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (4.0):

Stephen Allard, Evan Cranford, Corey Daspit, John Irwin, Ben Leiker, and Gunduz Yavuzer.

ALPHA HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99):

Zachary Bouis, Reid Foote, Jackson Gilmore, Sam Goggins, Harrison Hodges, Ike Keel, Jeremiah Morgan, Alfredo Sanchez Grana, and Scott Zimmerman.

BETA HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49):

Michael Boudreaux, Ryan Brettel, Eric Domenge Hevia, Chase Gravois, William Hadden, Cale Hansell, Steven Kariker, Philip King, Powell Lohbrano, Samuel Lopez Campiche, Allston Lumpkin, Brian Rice, Ian Runnels, Richard Sanders, Jacob Sonnier, and John Stahl

7TH GRADE PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (4.0):

Harry Clarke, Brandon Cobb, Will Cole, Tbm Dorvin, Jeff Haeger, Paul Hotard, Ty Hughes, Bryan Lynch, Matthew Mayeaux, Derek Miketinas, Solomon Twiggs, Guy Wood, and David Yapur.

ALPHA HONOR ROLL (3.5-3.99):

James Abraham, Baylor Barnett, Cameron Bosley, Luke Frank, Javier Gutierrez Payro, Ethan Hoff, Jordan Hubbard, Daniel Loftus, Keith Marrero, Pablo Martinez Arizpe Gudino, Alex Puffer, Taylor Rosson, John Smuck, Justin Veazey, and Jason Wong.

BETA HONOR ROLL (3.0-3.49):

Wayne Bermond, T. J. Boyle, Matthew Corr, Ellis Delahoussay, Daniel Gleber, Brandon Halterlein, Michael Johns, Blake Jones, William Love, Ryan Newman, Joshua Williams, and Glenn Wolf.

6TH GRADE PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL (4.0):

Cameron Titus.
ALPHA HONOR ROLL
(3.5-3.99):
Cathal Gilmore.

Sports

SSC defeats Biloxi in Hoopsfest '04

Rocks post 15-point win in Coliseum performance

BY BRAD REINHART '06

The St. Stanislaus Basketball Rocks posted an

impressive 60-45 win over the Biloxi Indians in the finale of Hoopsfest 2004 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum this past Saturday night.

The Rocks' strong inside presence and tough defense really wore Biloxi down most of the night. After Biloxi jumped out to a quick 10-4 lead in the first quarter, SSC went on a 9-0 run to take a 13-10 lead. At the end of the first quarter, the game was knotted up at 13.

At the beginning of the second quarter, the game was still really tight. SSC and Biloxi matched each other shot for shot, and the game stayed close.

It was 20-18 midway through the second quarter, with the Rocks enjoying a slight lead. Then SSC started

to pull away. They went on a 9-2 run in the latter part of the second quarter, and they went into the locker room, enjoying a 33-26 half-time lead.

In the third quarter, Mario Faranda came out red hot. He scored SSC's first six points of the quarter, mostly on inside cuts to the basket. The Rocks continued to work

the ball inside, and they had great success. At the end of the third quarter, St. Stanislaus led Biloxi by a 45-36 score.

SSC really put the game away in the fourth quarter. They opened up the period with a 9-0 run and held Biloxi scoreless for the first few minutes of the quarter. Biloxi could never recover, and Rob

Murray finished the game off with a dunk that gave the Rocks a 60-45 victory.

Faranda led SSC in scoring with a game-high 23 points.

Senior Darius Acker scored 15 points, including two three-pointers. Murray added 14 points, while Tony Silva and Ramsey Shawa each scored 4 points.

The Rocks will take to the court again on Friday, January 30, against the Pass Christian Pirates.



Senior Darius Acker pushes the ball up the court during SSC's 57-55 OT win over Bay High in the recent Mayor's Cup game.

Cross-country has great season

The 2003 Cross Country season may be over, but the Rocks will long remember their impressive victories.

The Cross Country Rocks, led by Coach Steve Flannery, finished 3rd at the 4-A State Meet in Clinton, MS, on November 8. This came after an outstanding regular season for the team. SSC won four meets this year, including the Biloxi Invitational, the SSC/OLA Invitational, the Ocean Springs Invitational, and the Division 8-4A Championship in Pascagoula, MS.

Besides going undefeated in South Mississippi for the second straight year, SSC also placed high in the large, regional meets they attended this year. This included a third place finish in the New Orleans Holy Cross Invitational, fourth in the Hattiesburg USM Invitational, and sixth in the Baton Rouge Catholic High Invitational.

Individual performances



SSC senior Kyle Lewis sprints to the finish line of the 4-A State Championship race in Clinton, MS. Kyle finished the race in first place, as he did in many races this season.

were key to SSC's success this year. The team was led

by standout senior Kyle Lewis who had a truly phenomenal season. He won seven of the nine races that he competed in this season, including the 4-A State Championship. Kyle set new school records in both the three-mile (15:34) and the 5K (16:05) races. He has signed a letter of intent to run cross-country and track this coming season at Ole Miss.

Troy Johnston, Kody Cannon, Bobby Nilson, and Brad Reinhart rounded out the top five runners for the Rocks this year. Johnston and Cannon were both named All-State Runners for their great performances at State. Nilson and Reinhart were both named All-District runners, with Nilson finishing one place away from being named All-State. Other member of this year's varsity team were Sam Hudgens, Brennan Marlowe, and Chaz Singleton.

Soccer Rocks prepare for district playoffs against Petal

BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus Soccer Team is gearing up for another playoff run after an excellent regular season.

The Rocks will face off against Petal on Tuesday, January 27, in a Bi-District playoff.

This comes after another dominant season for the soccer Rocks.

In the regular season, the Rocks went 20-3-1, including 15 shut-out victories. They dominated most of their opponents, scoring 107 goals



while allowing only 16.

They also went through the division undefeated, clinching the Division 8-4A Title.

The Rocks finished off their regular season with a 9-0 victory over archival Bay

High.

Andrew Smith-Parker led the way for SSC with four goals.

Patrick Donohoe scored two goals, while Devin Caboni-Quinn, Eric Cranford, and Josh Lingsch each added one.

Michael Kivlan had two assists; Donohoe, Lingsch, Smith-Parker, and Corey Vollenweider each assisted on one goal.

Sean Olsen, SSC's goalkeeper, recorded another shut-out for the Rocks.



MARCH 2004

Soccer Rocks are champs – again!

SSC beats
Pearl & mud
to win two
in a row

BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus Rockachaws soccer team won their second consecutive state championship with a "sloppy" win over the Pearl Pirates.

It wasn't the Rocks' play that was sloppy, however. The soccer field at Pirate Stadium had been soaked with torrential downpours for days leading up to the game. In fact, it resembled a bog more than a field. Despite the rain and mud, SSC was able to defeat Pearl in the title game for the second year in a row.

In the first half, both teams worked to gain footing and establish some type of momentum. SSC had a few good scoring chances, but they didn't capitalize. Even so, the Rocks really set the tempo for the game in the first half. At halftime, the game was still scoreless.

The second half began much as the first half had done. The teams were still struggling as the mud and rain continued to slow things down. Just when it looked like the Rocks had finally broken the scoreless tie, the



Kneeling after the Rockachaw championship soccer game are Adam Hubbard, Will Hadden, Even Cranford, Brit Breland, Connor Smith, Brock Kelly, Devin Caboni-Quinn, Corey Vollenweider, Kody Cannon, Austin Boudreaux, Sean Olsen, Beau Brodtmann, Heath Hansell, Patrick Donohoe, Josh Lingsch, Austin Ladner, Michael Kivlan, Enrique Martinez, and Brennen Marlowe. Standing are Anthony Pham, John Hadden, Brad Lingsch, Dillon Kenny, Wynne Taylor, Sam Goggins, David Benet, Eric Cranford, Jeffrey Yeager, Marc Bellzair, Carl Seal, Andrew Smith-Parker, Guen Choi, Donnie Renz, Matt Kivlan, Joel Gregory, Matt Milner, Javier Arreozola, Jimmy Headley, and Coach Andy Kivlan.

goal was waved off because of an offside penalty.

Finally, 24 minutes into the second half, Andrew Smith-Parker broke free with a chance to score. He was fouled from behind by a Pearl player, which resulted in a penalty kick. On the ensuing kick, Michael Kivlan scored the first goal of the game to give SSC a 1-0 lead.

After SSC's first goal,

Pearl had a few, strong offensive attacks against the Rock's goal. The Rockachaw defense, led by senior goalie, Sean Olsen, held strong and stopped each and every Pearl shot.

Later on in the second half, Austin Ladner scored the second goal of the game to ice the victory for St. Stanislaus.

"We could not have asked

for a better effort today with the weather and field conditions we faced," said head coach Andy Kivlan. "It is proof of the old saying that offense wins games and defense wins championships. St. Stanislaus finished the season with a 24-3-1 overall record. During the regular season, the Rockachaws outscored their opponents 127-16, including 19 shut-out

victories. In the post-season, SSC really stepped it up. They scored 20 goals in the playoffs without ever allowing a single goal.

Computer team wins 3 in a row

BY ROBERT GOGGINS

For the third consecutive year, the St. Stanislaus Computer Programming Team won the first-place championship in the state competition by out-performing the second-place team from Oxford High School, according to Mr. Jim Thriffley, faculty moderator.

Programming team members were seniors Chris France, Andrew Waterman, and Nick Weinmann and sophomore Brad Reinhart.

For the second consecutive year, Andrew Waterman was awarded First Place medals in Computer Science and in Mathematics.

He also received \$16,000 in scholarship offers.

There were 63 schools and 547 students participating in the state competition.

Sports

Season ends with third straight trip to Jackson

BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus Rockachaw basketball team finished off an excellent 2003-2004 season with its third straight trip to the 4A State Tournament in Jackson, Mississippi.

The quest for a state tournament berth began in mid-February during the Division 8-4A Tournament at Bay High. After easily defeating East Central and Bay High, the Rocks faced off against the Gautier Gators for the division title. In a tough game, the Rocks fell to Gautier 61-47 to take 2nd place in the division.

SSC then advanced to the South State Tournament. They cruised through the first two rounds, defeating Wayne County and George County handily. Then the Rocks took on McComb. They lost a heartbreaker, 69-65, which put them one game from elimination.

Facing this possibility, St.



SSC senior Rob Murray puts up a free throw during the Rocks' State Tournament game vs. Jackson Province.

Stanislaus met Gautier (again) for a trip to the State Tournament. The game was

close in the 1st half, and Gautier led 21-16 at half-time. In the second half, SSC turned up the intensity and took control of the game. Rob Murray scored 15 points, and Darius Acker added 12 as the Rocks rolled over Gautier 46-33.

The win propelled them into the State Tournament as the #3 seed in the South.

In the State Tourney, St. Stanislaus traveled to Jackson to take on the defending 4A Champions — the Jackson Province Rams. The Rocks went in as underdogs, but they played their hearts out.

St. Stanislaus was led by Rob Murray who had 16 points and four assists. Darius Acker netted 13 for the 27-9 Rocks.

"I am very proud of our effort," said head coach Jay Ladner about the game. "In fact, we are disappointed that we did not win the ball game."

Congratulations



Austin Boudreaux (#5), Heath Hansell (#3), and Kody Cannon (#25) engulf Austin Ladner after he scored.

The Rock-A-Chaw

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Senior T.J. Koger perfects his butterfly stroke as he swims toward the camera.

Swim team has great season

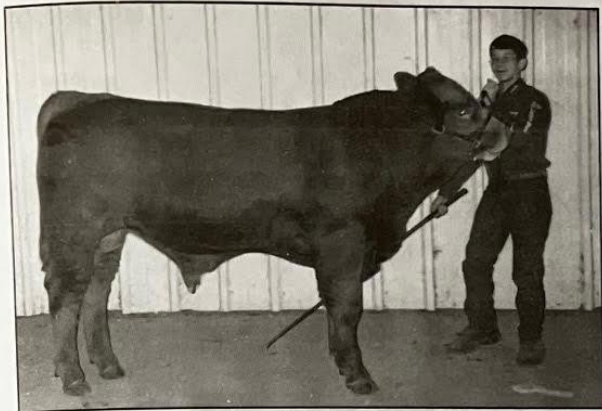
BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus swim team enjoyed one of its best seasons in recent years under the guidance of first-year coach Patrick McGrath. The 2003 season was definitely a successful one for the Rocks. Despite having a very young team, they were still able to defeat most of the schools on the coast. In the regular season, the Rocks scored a perfect 6-0 in dual and triangular meets. They defeated teams such as Hancock, Mercy Cross, Ocean Springs, Gulfport, and D'Iberville.

In the post-season competition, the SSC swimmers continued to do well, grabbing second place in 4-A South State in Biloxi. On Nov. 1, they traveled to Cleveland for the state championship meet. The Rocks were able to tie Oxford High School for second place in the 4-A classification.

The future is really looking bright for the swim team. They will be losing only one state-qualifying senior, T.J. Koger. The rest of the team should still be intact. This includes state qualifiers Allston Lumpkin, John Lumpkin, Even Magers, Sherman Necaie, Matt Proudfoot, Ben Rader, and Christian Walter.

News



Bristen Breaux with his Geleveh bull "Big Shot."

Breaux & Big Shot are a winning team

BY TYLER GALLAGHER

Well, grab your boots and cowboy hat; we're heading way down south for this one!

We have all heard of dog shows and competitions, but who would have thought of cattle shows? Well one young man here at SSC has had that very idea for several years.

Bristen Breaux, a seventh grade student from Kiln, Mississippi, is only 13 years old. Yet he has become an accomplished cattle showman and trainer.

Breaux was introduced to the popular pastime by his grandfather, and he first started to show cattle at the age of eight. Only one year later at the age of nine, Breaux won the award of Grand Champion, which is one of the top honors in the sport. Though he has accomplished much, he would be nowhere without his "other half" Big Shot. Big Shot is Breaux's Geleveh Bull, which is nearly a year and a half old and weighs in at 1,162 pounds.

In the past five years, Breaux has competed in over 200 shows all over the state of Mississippi, with regular shows lasting two to three

days. In competition, Breaux has been able to make several friendly rivals, all of whom he has beaten at some point or another except for one. For his efforts in competitions, Breaux has been awarded with such prizes as trophies, chairs embellished with the trainer's placement, belt buckles, and money ranging from \$50 to \$300.

A typical show consists of several rounds to determine the winner of both the showmanship and beef show awards.

Showmanship awards the trainer and his ability to set up his bull quickly and correctly, maintaining eye contact with the judge and, answering questions about his bull. The beef show relates to the cattle size, weight, width, height, proportion, and age. Beef shows involve several rounds of profiling and eliminations.

After several elimination rounds, the judge chooses the winner. Breaux has won this title several times. After all that work, Breaux can finally relax, knowing he has done a great job. Big Shot relaxes as well. In fact, he once laid down in the arena after being announced as Grand Champion once again.

Volunteers dedicating a year of service to God

Three young men are sharing their gifts and talents this year by working as teachers and coaches here at St. Stanislaus as well as at St. Clare Elementary in Waveland and St. Paul Elementary in Pass Christian.

These men are Mr. J. P. Brunke from Sumter, South Carolina; Mr. Vincent Casper from LaGrange, Missouri; and Mr. Erich Hoffer from Prior Lake, Minnesota.

All three are here as a result of their contact with Brother Henry Gaither, SC, who heads the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Volunteer Program here in the South. All are college graduates who have given a year of their lives to serve God, specifically in the field of Catholic education.

Brunke has always been attracted toward education, his mother having been a teacher for over 25 years. He has had seminary experi-



Volunteers Erich Hoffer, J.P. Brunke and Vincent Casper give a year of service to God.

ence, and he is in the process of discerning his possible call to the priesthood. A graduate of Conception Seminary College in Missouri, he teaches 6th-grade religion here, helps coach basketball, and teaches P.E. and computers at St. Paul.

Casper's experiences are very similar. He, too, has graduated from Conception Seminary College; and he, too, continues to discern a possible call to the priesthood. He currently teaches an 8th grade religion class here at SSC, as well as teaching P.E. and computers at St. Paul. He also has assisted in

coaching the soccer teams here.

Hoffer holds a Political/Pre Law Degree from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He has especially enjoyed teaching his 8th grade history class here at SSC and has assisted in coaching the varsity football, basketball, and baseball teams. He also teaches at St. Clare Elementary School.

All three men live and pray with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in their two houses here on campus. This has been a new and challenging experience for them as well.

SSC family spends time with the Lord

BY JOHN PRINCE

Five student team leaders and six adult team leaders will direct the school's third Kairos retreat at the Paul B. Johnson State Park in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, March 25-28, 2004, according to Mrs. Adrienne Quinlan, Residency Coordinator.

Kairos (which is Greek for "the Lord's time") is an optional retreat experience for mature sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are recommended to the program by their teachers and peers.



Twenty-two students and adults participated in the second Kairos Retreat this past November 13-16. These are: Lying: Jeffrey Yeager and Marc Bellzair. Squatting/Sitting: Ravi Varma, Edward Allen, Mrs. Cynthia Clark, and Stefan Clayton. Standing: Sam Hall, Mr. Ken France, Craig Maxson, Adam Seltz, Michael Roy, Father Jim Julius, James Burrell, Mike Iskandar, Juan Esquitin, Taka Tomiyama, Mr. Paul Verlander, Will Acosta, Andrew Pretzello, Carter Johnson, Jared Kuehne, and Brother Ronald Talbot.

Capital campaign to improve school



Above is the artist's rendition of the proposed band hall, currently projected to be built on Union St. behind the old gym.

BY ROBERT GOGGINS

Much of St. Stanislaus is being built before our eyes.

In the past few years, we have built a computer lab, a dorm library, new tennis courts, and a fitness center. Unfortunately, in order for the new construction to take place, some old buildings had to go. Among these was the band hall.

Some students question the school's priorities, and it would seem that they have good reason: Our school currently has three gyms, and our band is practicing in rather crowded quarters. However, the school has good reason for its decision, based on input from our entire school community.

Back in November of 1998 — before a shovel hit the ground — a survey was sent to students, parents, faculty, and alumni, asking for input on what new buildings should be built and which should be constructed first. The largest percentage of those polled felt that the fitness center should be first.

Brother Ronald Talbot, SSC President, said that there were six possible locations for the fitness center; and its current location was seen as the best. He also said that when final plans were made, there was a strong possibility that the new band hall would be completed by the end of the 2003-2004 school year.

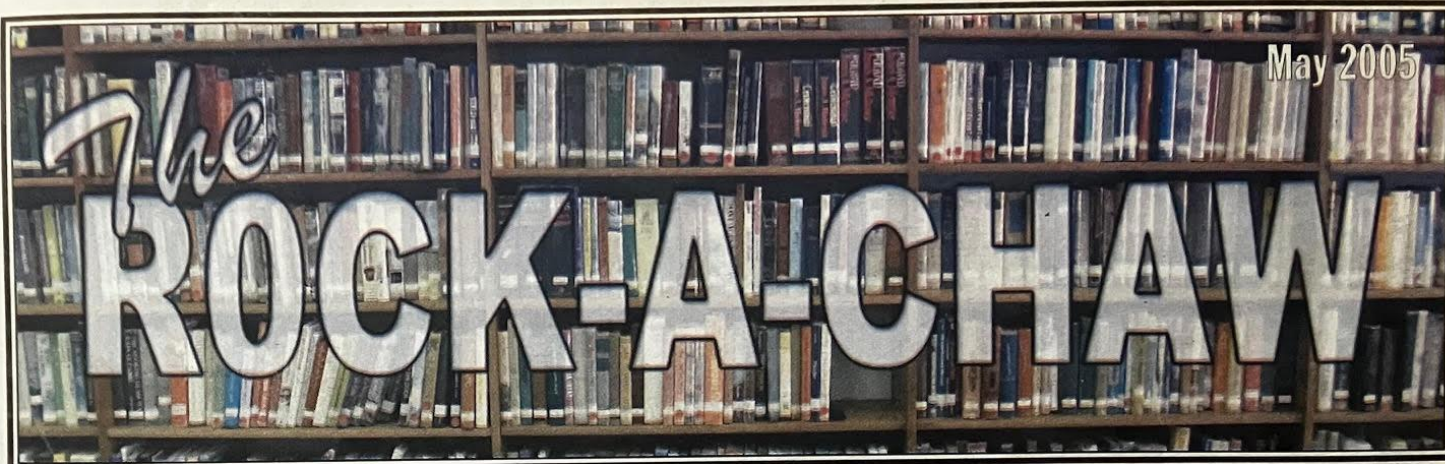
The band hall is next on the school's agenda. However, the main obstacle is not a lack of desire to build the new band hall; the main obstacle is a lack of money. The school is actively seeking funding for this project. Hopefully, construction on the new band hall can begin next year.

When all the facts are brought into play, it is obvious that the school's administration did the necessary research and prioritized the order of construction in a fair and balanced manner. The school's changes are for the better, and the school's future looks bright.



Students attend class in the room currently being used as the band hall.

May 2005



Skateboarding is a Stanislaus tradition

'Modern' Sport Part of Long History at SSC

BY CHRISTIAN BARKER

Ever since 1964, when Jimmy Landry brought the first skateboard to St. Stanislaus, skateboarding has been a sport shared by many of the students. Most people thought this sport would never catch on, but they were wrong.

The number of students who skateboarded grew rapidly - especially from students who didn't make the intra-mural teams. None of the students had trouble riding a skateboard after some practice, and even the international students got into the sport.

"As the skate boarding population grew," explained Joe Melley, director of skateboarding events and graduate of SSC, "we needed a competition." The competition was to skate the campus on their back two wheels, through cones, and do a trick. The winner did a handstand on his back two wheels, jumped off the board, and landed back on it.

Skateboarding has never really reached its high point, but in 1965 the students did start to take an interest in this challenging sport. Even though the sport has not yet made it to the mainstream, the challenge and the willingness to excel at the sport will keep it going at St. Stanislaus.



John Cameron grabs some air on some steps after school.

The sidewalks, stairs, ramps, and other various places where not always there. The students used to skate on the galleries, sidewalks, and the ramp connecting the dining hall to the brother's quarters. They would skate these places from 3:15 to 5:30. During that time they jumped over trashcans and performed Ollies without much difficulty.

"You had to watch your step, or you were going to get run over!" said Brother Joseph, one of the dorm brothers. They went every-

where on their skateboards.

Two years ago SSC built a quarter pipe on the back basketball fields. Since it was used to a great extent it faded out and eventually was ruined. However, the students did not stop skateboarding, but in fact kept at it even more than they had previously.

The 6th and 7th grade students were the first students to take part in this sport, but today it is done by all grades. Even though it was a physically straining sport the younger students still did it just as well as the students

who were twice there age.

As time has passed, another reason has arisen for the popularity of this sport: it is an individual sport. Both successes and failures in skateboarding deal with the person alone. After bad falls, it is the skater who picks himself up and continues on.

"Don't stop letting them skate. Getting hurt is simply a part of life," continued Brother Joseph. Even though this sport is over forty years old it is still a part of our past, present, and will continue to be part of the future at St. Stanislaus.



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St. Stanislaus News

Parking Lot a Disaster

BY ROBERT GOGGINS

Ask any student what he thinks is the most annoying problem at St. Stanislaus, and chances are he'll tell you that it's the lack of student parking.

Every morning, the school parking lot fills-up at least ten minutes before school starts, and students are forced to park by the broth-

ers, cemetery and walk up to school.

Here's the bad news – as the school year continues, more students will get their licenses, and the parking lot will fill-up even earlier than it does now.

The unfair part of the problem is the fact that students who would otherwise be on time for class are late

because they have to park by the cemetery, and they face the same penalties directed at students who are late because they slept late.

Fortunately, there are plans for the construction of a new parking lot by the Brother Peter Gym.

Students will no longer be faced with the problems from the parking shortage.

Rock Quarry

BY BRUCE RUSHING

The Rock Quarry is a column that gives a brief description of events that have occurred at SSC. The Quarry's goal is to chisel out the extraordinary from the ordinary events at Stanislaus

Mr. Gemelli Stuck in Elevator

Trapped! In an elevator! While this occurrence is frequently used as the subject in television dramas and sitcoms, Mr. Gemelli was not in Hollywood when he got stuck in the school elevator after a power outage.

During eighth period on October 28 and shortly before three o'clock, the power breaker controlling power to the school blew and the electricity went out. Mr. Gemelli, who happened to have been in the elevator at the time of the power outage, was alarmed when the lights went out and the elevator froze, along with its doors.

Luckily, within about 20 minutes the faculty knew about Mr. Gemelli's predicament and Mr. Verlander opened the elevator doors using a special key freeing its prisoner. When asked what he thought about the ordeal, Mr. Gemelli replied, "Take the stairs: it is good exercise."

Hurricane Season Blows Through

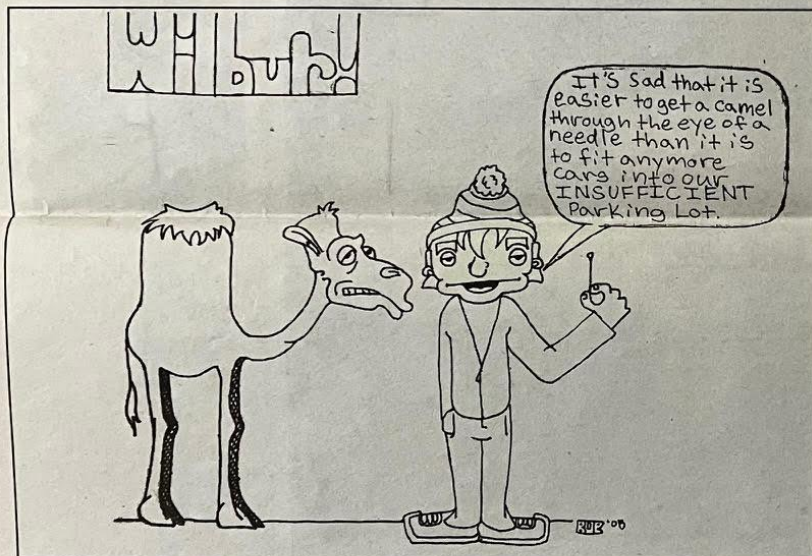
While the students, faculty, and Brothers were spared the full wrath of Ivan the Terrible on September 16, 2004, they still encountered the labor of cleaning the yards of debris.

In addition, the three days missed will have to be made up. So far, one day has already been made up, December 18, 2004.

The days remaining include, May 30, 2005, and May 31, 2005. Both will be final exam days.

Ivan then returned as a tropical storm a couple of weeks later, raising the tides to above average. This ghostly storm was soon replaced by tropical storm Matthew on October 8, 2004, which caused only more mess.

However, thanks to the diligent work of students and staff alike, the grounds were restored to good order. The hurricane season ended on November 30th.



Help Needed on Editorial Staff

The newspaper staff is in need of reporters and columnists. While there is an abundance of stories and editorials – along with the even more important unused white space – we at the Rock-A-Chaw have had a difficult time in assembling those stories into what you read now.

There is a difference between a story existing and that story being in touchable, readable print. Ideas, though

perhaps intrinsically useful, are idle and impotent lest they are exchanged in some medium; they need a channel in which to both flow and be directed. And that is exactly what newspapers, including the one in your hands, are about.

Therefore we humbly request anybody who: is interested in working on our paper (or more correctly, your paper), has a talent such as photography or computer

skills, or even if they just have an idea for a story to contact us. Newspaper meetings are typically held every Tuesday and sometimes Thursday, or you can talk to one of the staff members during the school day.

Remember, this is your opportunity to lend lettering to your words and to describe the experience of life on our campus. Please do not pass it up.

- The Editors

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Troy Johnston, Wes Sanderford, Robert Goggins and Jacob Graham in concert in Diamondhead.

Student Bands Rocking On

BY MATTHEW VOLLENWIEDER

In the past decade and a half many students at St. Stanislaus have either learned to play an instrument or have tried to start their own band.

One example of a band started by students while attending SSC would be the band Cellar Door, who played at one of our school dances this year. This band includes three Stanislaus seniors: Robert Goggins, Jacob Graham, and Troy Johnston.

However, being a member of a band isn't just about being paid to have 15 minutes of fame. Money must be raised for necessary things such as sound equipment and a stage. The music is demanding and so are the instruments. Sophomore Clark Seal, who has been playing guitar for two years,



Cellar Door plays at an SSC dance.

said, "It is hard to learn, but it is worth it when you get to play your own music." In addition to individual talent, being a member also requires constant practice as a band.

But the result can be quite spectacular. As Robert Goggins put it, "[The band] took a lot of work, but it was definitely worth it and we had a blast."

Students Help at Day of Service



Joe Cure reads to students at the St. Rose de Lima Upstart Program.

Sports

Jordan Ellis celebrates after the SSC football team wins the District Championship game in Gautier.



Fall Sports Recap

FOOTBALL

SSC's memorable 2004 football season came to a heartbreaking end with a 29-15 loss to South Pike in the 2nd round of the state playoffs. Even though the season ended a little earlier than hoped, it was anything but a disappointment.

The 2004 Football Rocks will go down as one of the best football teams in school history. They won the Division 8-4A Championship with a perfect 6-0 district record. The Rocks went 9-2 overall, their first nine-win season since 1967. They also won a state playoff game for the first time in school history.

Fourteen SSC players received Division 8-4A post-season honors. Quarterback Lance Cuevas was chosen as the offensive MVP, and senior linebacker Lee Klein was selected as the defensive MVP. J.C. Brignone, Josh Duplessis, and Stefan Sofianos were named to the 1st team offense, and Michael Cure and Jordan Ellis were selected to the 1st team defense. SSC players receiving 2nd team honors include Floyd Dedeaux, Bret Bentz, Brennan Thomas, Brennan Gordon, Zack Elkins, Caleb McQueen, and Bryce Morreale.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The cross-country Rocks placed second in district and eighth at the 4A State Meet in Clinton to close out a tough 2004 season.

At the state meet, senior Bobby Nilson placed ninth to lead the Rocks and receive All-State honors. Senior Sam Hudgens placed 38th, Brad Reinhart placed 44th, Chaz Singleton finished 56th, and Brennan Marlowe finished 60th in the field of 143 runners.

The previous week, Nilson, Hudgens, and senior Troy Johnston received All-District honors as SSC missed out on the district title by one point.

SWIMMING

The SSC swim team placed 6th overall, and second in 4A competition, at the State Championship Swim Meet held in Biloxi.

Rock-a-Chaw swimmers set three new school records and scored 106 points on the way to their sixth place finish. The medley relay team of Christopher Donahue, Christian Walter, Allston Lumpkin, and Sherman Necaise placed sixth overall with a school record time of 1:55.46. Donahue also set individual records in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Freddie Kippes, Necaise, Lumpkin, and Donahue placed sixth overall as well, and first among 4A schools.

Reilly Bourgeois, Kevin Duvieilh, Evan Magers, Christopher Necaise, and Sean Bradford also helped contribute to the Rock's success by swimming their fastest individual times of the season at the meet.

Basketball Rock-a-Chaws Claim Division 8-4A Title

BY BRAD REINHART

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-Chaws knocked off cross-town rivals Bay High 52-40 to claim the Division 8-4A Championship on February 18th. As expected, a large crowd from both schools came out to see the two teams battle for the division title.

The game was intense, and the atmosphere inside the Brother Peter Gymnasium was electrifying.

In the end, only the "Rowdy Rocks" were left standing.

SSC really controlled the game from start to finish, although Bay High pulled close at some points. The Rock's stiff defense kept Bay's offense in check for most of the game, and long Bay High scoring droughts helped to lead SSC to victory.



Derrick Willis shoots a three in the Division Championship game.

SSC Junior Ludovic

Dovonou led all scorers with 17 points. Ramsey Shawa and Mike Rice each added 10 points for the Rocks.

Leading Bay High scorer was Lorenzo Lewis, who had 14 points.

After the game, Division 8-4A honors were formally announced.

SSC Junior Mike Rice was named the Most Valuable Player for the 2004-2005 season. SSC head coach Jay Ladner was honored as the boys' Coach of the Year, along with Vancleave coach David Owens.

Other Rock-a-Chaws named to the All-Division Team included Ludovic Dovonou and Ramsey Shawa. The Rocks then advanced to the South State Tournament, where they handily defeated Forrest County before falling to McComb.

Rocks Outsail the Competition

BY MATTHEW VOLLENWEIDER

After a successful season last year, the SSC sailing team has started this year off with another win. The team has been having intense practices throughout the school year to make sure that they secure and advance their spot in the National Championships.

In this year's first competition, the Nokia Sugar Bowl Regatta, the team took first place.

"Our season is going well, our fleet racing is great, and we are making progress on our team racing," commented coach Dan Zwerg.

On April 2nd and 3rd, the team competed in the Interscholastic Sailing

Association's Southeastern District Qualifying Regattas, which took place in Austin, Texas. The Rocks placed second in the Baker Regatta (team racing) and fourth in the Mallory Regatta (fleet racing). The team made it to the Baker Regatta National

Championship last year.

Last season, Coach Zwerg brought six sailors to the Baker National Regatta in Annapolis, Maryland. The team placed twelfth in the Baker Nationals, which is the national high school sailing championship.

March Madness

The 2005 NCAA Tournament started on March 17th and for two weeks involved the top 64 college basketball teams. The final four that included Illinois, North Carolina, Michigan State, and Louisville, competed in St.

Louis. The final champion was the North Carolina Tar Heels. There was a student basketball pool. The winners were from first to fifth, Cameron Hardin, Andrew Smith-Parker, Kody Cannon, Blake Williams, and Sean Bentz.